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VINESH REACHES GONDA, WFI REFUSES TO LET HER TAKE PART

Despite being cleared by International Testing Agency, Vinesh Phogat not allowed to complete verification for Sr Open rankings meet in Gonda

'WFI CHIEF WANTS ME TO QUIT WRESTLING'

Vinesh presented her arguments before WFI president Sanjay Kumar Singh but all those fell on deaf ears. The 31-year-old grappler alleged conspiracy being hatched against her by former WFI chief Brij Bhushan. Earlier, the two-time Worlds medallist had expressed apprehension over participating at this venue, which is considered a stronghold of Brij Bhushan | **P15**

WRITTEN EXPLANATION NEEDED: WFI

- Reacting to Vinesh's accusations, Sanjay Singh said the wrestler has to submit a complete explanation and it would be submitted to the WFI's disciplinary committee, which eventually will take a call
- WFI highlighted the secure environment provided to Vinesh during her visit from her arrival in Gonda to her departure from the venue

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NUMBER OF TIMES VINESH PHOGAT HAS TAKEN PART IN THE OLYMPICS

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

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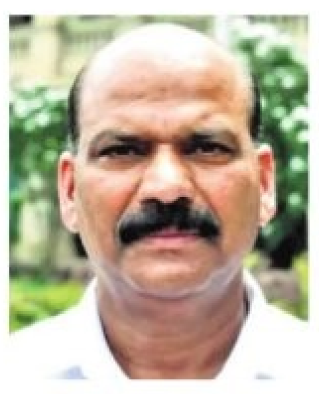
SC restores Congress leader Rajegowda as Sringeri MLA

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @New Delhi



T D Rajegowda

D N Jeevaraj

IN a significant order, the Supreme Court on Monday restored, as an interim measure, Congress leader T D Rajegowda as MLA of Sringeri Assembly constituency, after stating that "democracy can't be hijacked like this".

A two-judge bench, headed by Justice Sanjay Kumar and comprising Justice K Vinod Chandran, passed the order for status quo in the matter, which resulted in the ouster of Rajegowda as MLA. His opponent, BJP leader D N Jeevaraj, was declared winner of Sringeri Assembly constituency after a recount. The bench directed for keeping in abeyance all steps taken pursuant to the Karnataka High Court's order of April 6 that ordered the recount.

"Rajegowda will continue as MLA for now," the apex court said and also directed that steps be taken to restore him as MLA.

It also issued notice to the respondents -- the Karnataka government, Election Commission and others -- while hearing the appeal of Rajegowda, saying "democracy can't be hijacked like this."

During the hearing, a battery of senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Mukul Rohatgi and Devadatt Kamat, representing Rajegowda, questioned the validity of the high court's order.

The matter pertains to the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections, in which Rajegowda had been declared winner from Sringeri constituency, by a slender margin of 201 votes. **P4**

SOMNATH ANNIV

Prime Minister Narendra Modi offers prayers at Somnath Temple in Veraval in Gujarat as part of the Somnath Amrut Mahotsav, marking 75 years of the inauguration of the restored temple dedicated to Lord Shiva | PTI

Victory margin vs SIR appeals: File fresh plea, SC tells Didi

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday said former chief minister Mamata Banerjee and others can file fresh applications regarding their claim that the victory margins in 31 constituencies in the recent assembly polls in West Bengal were less than the number of voters challenging their deletion from the electoral rolls — during the special intensive revision (SIR) — before appellate tribunals.

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi took note of the submissions after senior advocate and TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee referred to an earlier observation of Justice Bagchi that the court can look into the grievances if victory margins are less than the number of names deleted during the SIR.

Claiming that SIR impacted the Bengal poll coutcome, Banerjee submitted that in one constituency, his party candidate lost by 862 votes while more than 5,000 names were removed from the rolls. He added that the vote gap between the TMC and the BJP was 32 lakh while 35 lakh appeals were pending before appellate tribunals.

The Election Commission opposed Banerjee's submission, saying that the only remedy was an election petition. It said it can be held accountable for issues related to the SIR only. "The law is clear ... every issue arising out of SIR could not be separately litigated," the poll panel further argued.

The bench said the mechanism for adjudication of these appeals could be improved.

State govt hikes DA by 1.5%

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THE state government has hiked the Dearness Allowance of its employees from 14.25% to 15.75% of their basic pay with effect from January 1, 2026. The Finance Department issued an order in this regard on Monday.

The DA hike is applicable for all government employees, including those serving in boards and corporations, pensioners and family pensioners. It is also applicable for pensioners and family pension beneficiaries of aided educational institutions and those under the pay rolls of University Grants Commission, AICTE and ICAR.

A separate order will issued for those under the payrolls of UGC, AICTE and ICAR and judicial officials under the National Judicial Pay Commission. The order stated that the DA hike will be disbursed with the May salary.

Karnataka State Government Employee Association president CS Shadakshari said the DA hike will help 5.25 lakh government employees, three lakh employees of various boards and corporations and 4.5 lakh pensioners.

EXPRESS READ

SEC moves SC, wants GBA polls deferred

Bengaluru: With its staffers engaged in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and Census work, the State Election Commission (SEC) on Monday filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court, seeking more time to hold polls to the five corporations under Greater Bengaluru Authority | **P2**

Two siblings die as fire guts shed in Kothanur

Bengaluru: Two siblings, aged five and three, died when fire broke out in their temporary shed near K Narayanapura in Kothanur police station limits in Bengaluru on Monday afternoon. Their parents are labourers and hail from Raichur | **P3**

Austerity pitch spooks markets, hits sentiments

Sensex down 1.7%, rupee falls to 95.31, govt reviewing pricing of petroleum products

DIPAK MONDAL @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's call for austerity in view of the Iran war triggered sharp reactions across markets and sectors on Monday, with investors interpreting the remarks as a signal of an imminent crisis.

Equity markets tumbled over 1.5%, while the rupee—which depreciated 11.5% in the past year— plunged 82 paise to settle at a record closing low of 95.31 against the US dollar. Taking cues from the PM's warning on economic disruptions, the BSE Sensex fell 1,312.91 points, or 1.7%, to close at 76,015.28, while the NSE Nifty50 declined 360.30 points, or 1.49%, to settle at 23,815.85.

During a speech in Hyderabad on Sunday, Modi called for collective participation to help India navigate global economic disruptions, supply chain challenges, and rising prices. He urged people to avoid buying gold and cut down on foreign travel, and asked companies to revive work-from-home arrangements similar to those adopted during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The PM's call for reducing petrol and diesel consumption also fuelled speculation that a retail fuel price hike was imminent.

On Monday, the petroleum ministry said oil marketing companies are likely to face under-recoveries of ₹2 lakh crore in the first quarter of FY27. The ministry added the government is reviewing fuel pricing.

Petroleum products and gold imports remain major burdens on India's external account. In FY26, India imported petroleum products worth $172 billion while gold imports surged 24% to $72 billion. India's foreign exchange reserves stood at $690 billion in the week ending May 1, down from a peak of $728 billion in the week ended Feb 27.

The PM's appeal for restraint on gold purchases has brought renewed attention to the free trade pact with the UAE, following which gold imports jumped from $3 billion in 2022 to $16.5 billion in 2025.

Remote and hybrid work on: Nasscom

On PM's call for work from home arrangements, Nasscom said most companies have already optimised energy consumption and enabled remote and hybrid work arrangements wherever operationally appropriate to reduce energy usage and commuting

Concerned about crisis: India Inc

India Inc has expressed concern over the economic challenges owing to Gulf crisis. Sunil Mittal, chairman, Bharti Enterprises, said the crisis has placed pressure on global economies, including India

Sonia, Priyanka step in to break the impasse over Kerala CM candidate

K S SREEJITH @T'Puram

THE suspense over who will be the next Kerala chief minister deepened on Monday, a week after the election results gave a thumping majority to the Congress-led UDF, as the party's central leadership summoned senior leaders from the state for another round of talks.

The move comes after senior leader Sonia Gandhi and Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra favoured detailed discussions with former KPCC presidents to resolve the deadlock.

Apart from Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) chief Sunny Joseph and working presidents A P Anil Kumar, P C Vishnunadh and Shafi Parambil, former KPCC presidents V M Sudheeran, K Muraleedharan, K Sudhakaran, and M M Hassan are expected to reach Delhi by Tuesday.

Mullappally Ramachandran expressed his inability to travel at short notice after which senior leader Rahul Gandhi spoke to him on the phone.

According to party sources, the high command is likely to meet the Kerala leaders individually to take their inputs. The three contenders for the CM's post—K C Venugopal, Ramesh Chennithala, and V D Satheesan—have pinned their hopes on these meetings.

Although the senior leaders had met the two central observers during their visit to Kerala, the latest decision is in view of the continuing stalemate over CM selection.

However, there are indications that the latest round of talks is to ward off criticism that all stakeholders were not taken into confidence.

Sources said both Rahul and party president Mallikarjun Kharge would meet the leaders and seek their opinion on the choice of the new CM and the overall political atmosphere.

Thereafter, the high command may summon the three CM contenders and inform them of the final decision.

Decision today?

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, who is on a visit to his home state Karnataka, will reach Delhi on Tuesday, earlier than his scheduled return on Wednesday. This, Congress sources said, indicates an announcement is likely on Tuesday

New Bengal govt clears land transfer for border fencing

SUBHENDU MAITI @Kolkata

THE new BJP government in West Bengal, in its first cabinet meeting, approved the long-delayed transfer of land to the BSF for fencing along the border with Bangladesh.

"The transfer process of land for border fencing will start within 45 days of the formation of our government in the state, and it was our commitment. The state chief secretary and land and land reform department secretary will work together to hand over land to the BSF," Chief Minister Suvendhu Adhikari said.

He said that as per the knowledge he acquired during his previous tenure as the Leader of Opposition, some 90 per cent of the land required to complete the border fencing exercise was already under state acquisition. "I will have to go through the papers to figure out the exact status of the land required, and for which I will need some more time," he said.

While campaigning for the recently-held assembly elections in the state, top BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah, had accused the previous Trinamool Congress government of compromising the country's security by delaying the land transfer to the BSF.

In another major decision, the government approved rolling out the Centre's health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat in the state. He assured that no existing social security schemes, including, Swasthya Sathi, a health scheme launched by Mamata Banerjee, will be withdrawn.

The transfer process will begin immediately, and the cabinet has empowered the chief secretary and the secretary of the state's land and land revenue department to complete the process within the next 45 days

Suvendhu Adhikari, CM

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NIA joins probe into gelatin stick recovery along PM route in B'luru

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THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) and other central agencies have joined the investigation into the recovery of gelatin sticks along a route used by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's convoy on Kanakapura Road, in Kaggalipura police station limits on Sunday morning. The agencies are also probing the hoax threat call received by police ahead of the PM's visit to the city.

PM Modi had visited HAL in Bengaluru and the Art of Living centre in Bengaluru South district where he had attended the inauguration of the Dhyan Mandir on Sunday. Before his arrival at the AoL centre, a packet containing gelatin sticks was found by a police constable.

The discovery of explosives has raised serious questions about security arrangements ahead of a high-profile visit.

On Monday morning, an NIA team visited the spot and collected primary details from Bengaluru South police. It is also learnt that teams from the National Security Guard (NSG), Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), central intelligence agencies, state intelligence department and officials of the Internal Security Division (ISD) inspected the spot and are probing the matter.

Senior officials are reviewing possible security lapses, analysing CCTV footage and studying local intelligence inputs to determine how the package came to be placed along a route that had ostensibly been cleared ahead of Modi's visit.

Kaggalipura police registered an FIR under the Explosive Substances Act. **P4**

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• Ritu: Vasantha • Masa: Vaishaka • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Dasami 9.43 am
• Nakshatra: Purvabhadra 8.51 pm • Moon in Meena Rashi • Rahukaala: 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 22°C | MAX 34°C
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Sunrise 05.55 am
Sunset 06.37 pm
Moonrise 02.08 am
Moonset 02.22 pm

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SEC goes to SC, seeks more time to hold GBA polls

Says SIR, census work has led to staff crunch

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WITH its staffers engaged in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and Census 2026 work, the State Election Commission (SEC) on Monday filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court, seeking more time to hold elections to the five city corporations under Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), "in the interest of justice and equity".

The SEC also stated in its appeal to SC that GBA's concerns are 'genuine'. Weeks ago, GBA had dashed off a letter stating reasons like SIR, Census-27, Houselisting, resulting in a staff crunch. The exercise is also having a cascading affect on election preparations.

Earlier, the SC had set June as the deadline to put an elected council in place in five city corporations under GBA. Interestingly, the development comes a few days after State Election Commissioner GS Sangreshi stated that he would not subscribe to any excuses by GBA and announce the election dates. He also set a seven-day deadline to GBA to give dates to hold polls between June 14 and 24.

M Shivaraju, former corporator from Shivanagara in Mahalakshmi Layout, said he had filed the petition before the SC last year to hold local body elections, and now the GBA and present government are citing SIR, census and staff shortage, and have sought time till September.

"It is the SC's discretion to accept the reasons and give another three months' time, or it may stick to its earlier order. If it directs us to hold elections before June, we can expect the date in the next 10 days," he said.

An MLC from Bengaluru said civil works related to roads, footpaths and others are in full swing, which may require three months. The government feels that completing these jobs will give it an edge during elections.

Earlier on Monday, AS Ponnanna, legal adviser to CM Siddaramaiah, told reporters they held discussions with the Chief Minister, AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala and others on the possibility of making arrangements. "GBA officials are busy with census and SIR work which will be on till June. When will they have time to prepare for GBA polls? Making arrangements is challenging for the government too. If polls have to be conducted, we discussed what needs to be done from our side, including constituting committees at GBA and party manifesto. We have to conduct polls as per the Supreme Court directions," he said.

Ponnanna said it is challenging for GBA staff to conduct census and SIR as many in Bengaluru are working and are unavailable, their houses are locked and this will delay the process. "The only solution is to go to court and explain. We are going to inform SC how many officials we have, how many are on SIR and census duty, and how many are free, how much time we need and how many people we need for GBA poll work," he added.

K-RIDE issues ₹1,513cr order for 153 suburban rail coaches

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU's long-awaited suburban rail project received a major push with the Bengaluru Integrated Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprise Limited (Bi-RIDE), a subsidiary of K-RIDE executing the project, issuing a Rs 1,513.75 crore work order to the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, for procurement of 153 air-conditioned broad-gauge metro-type coaches for Corridors 2 and 4 of the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project.

The contract was awarded on May 6 and the supply of coaches is expected to begin within the next 18 months. It said the timeline has been fixed to facilitate the scheduled opening of the Chikkabanavara-Yeshwanthpur section under Corridor-2. The timeline is also aligned with directives issued during the PM's 'PRAGATI' review meeting held last December.

The contract includes detailed design, manufacturing, inspection, testing, integration and commissioning of the rolling stock. ICF will also be responsible for obtaining statutory approvals from the Research Designs and Standards Organisation and coordinating with signalling, traction, power supply and platform screen door contracts.

The coaches will comply with RAMS standards – Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety – required for suburban rail operations.

Lakshman Singh, Managing Director (MD), K-RIDE, said, "This work order is a milestone for the project. Through this partnership with ICF, we are ensuring that the required train coaches will be available by the time the track and systems infrastructure work for Corridors 2 and 4 is completed. This synchronization will help deliver a world-class suburban rail network to the citizens of Bengaluru without any delay, fulfilling the vision of sustainable urban transport and easing the city's traffic congestion."

An official Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between K-RIDE and ICF is expected to be signed shortly.

SUMMER FUN

Children play 'horse' on a tree near Bal Bhavan in Cubbon Park, Bengaluru, on Monday | **VINOD KUMAR T**

EXPRESS READ

Carry out reverification of locked houses, BNCC chief tells officials

Bengaluru: Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar has instructed all census officials to carry out reverification of locked and vacant houses to ensure comprehensive completion of the first phase of the House Listing and Household Census before May 15. Special 'Mop-Up Round' operations are being conducted every evening and during holidays to revisit locked and vacant houses and ensure that no household is left out of the census process, Sunil Kumar said. He said as part of this exercise, all charge officers, assistant charge officers, supervisors, and enumerators are actively participating in verifying enumeration block boundaries, locked houses, and vacant houses. **ENS**

ROUTE TO ZERO -WASTE CITY

Compost corpn to merge with BSWML to cut down costs

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

NEARLY six months after clearing 5,000 tonnes of composite and doubling the turnover from Rs 26 lakh to Rs 1 crore, the Karnataka Compost Development Corporation (KCDC) is now likely to be merged with the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML).

Confirming this, KCDC Chairman AN Natraj Gowda said, "The objective of BSWML under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) is the same and larger compared to KCDC, and the change is being contemplated following advice of Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar. BSWML collects, transports, segregates and manages waste, whereas KCDC only composts wet waste. In the coming days, BSWML will take up composting from wet waste."

The decision was taken to cut down on the expenditure incurred in the maintenance and running of six composting units — five with GBA and one of KCDC in HSR Layout.

KCDC incurs Rs 40 lakh annually, including salaries for 20 permanent and 40 contractual staff. In contrast, it made Rs 26 lakh from the sale of compost generated from wet waste.

"In 2025, the KCDC earned Rs 1 crore from the clearance of 5,000 tonnes of pending stock. Otherwise, it's only expenditure is from running the composting unit. Hence, it is now being considered to bring it under the purview of BSWML," Gowda added.

The KCDC had also proposed installing composting plants in parks under the GBA to convert fallen leaves and organic waste into fertiliser to make Bengaluru a zero-waste city when it comes to wet and green waste. "Once BSWML takes over, modern technology will be adopted to convert daily waste into fertiliser quickly, while ensuring that residents living nearby are not inconvenienced. Scientific measures will be implemented to control odour," said an official with KCDC.

YATNAL SEEKS LOKAYUKTA PROBE INTO 'IRREGULARITIES' IN BSWML

Bengaluru: MLA Basavanagouda R Patil (Yatnal) has sought an investigation by the Karnataka Lokayukta into the alleged irregularities in Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML). In his complaint to Lokayukta Justice BS Patil on April 30, Yatnal alleged irregularities, favouritism and fraud in Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) facilities, including secondary transportation, processing and finalising tenders for disposal of solid waste. "The project, envisaged for 25 years on a tipping fee basis, involves substantial public expenditure. As per the DPR, the tipping fee was approximately Rs 1,398 per tonne for secondary transportation, processing and disposal. However, the entire process appears to have been manipulated. Stating that re-tendering should be done when bids exceed 10% of the estimate, Yatnal said the tenders were finalised at rates exceeding 19% above the estimated value, indicating clear disregard for financial prudence and established norms. **ENS**

7 BMTC STAFFERS SUSPENDED FOR FAKE BILLS AND CLAIMS

INDRA S @ Bengaluru

A suspected fake procurement scam has surfaced at the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), with employees allegedly creating fraudulent supply receipts and bills in the name of M/s Bani Auto Industries through Gajanana Engineering Works, despite spare parts never being delivered to a central workshop. The bills were forwarded to the accounts section for payment, with the intention of causing financial loss to the corporation for personal gain.

The scam involved fake invoices worth Rs 2.45 lakh intended for payment clearance. Sources said a vigilance inquiry found that employees allegedly created fabricated goods receipt records for spare parts that were never supplied to the corporation's Central Workshop-1. Following an inquiry and disciplinary proceedings, seven BMTC staffers, from the corporation's stores, workshop, accounts and vigilance-related sections were suspended until further investigation.

The receipts linked to a private firm were generated in the goods receipt section despite no entry or acknowledgement of the materials at the workshop gate office, the source added while also alleging that fake receipt numbers and invoices were prepared to process payments for non-existent supplies. The suspected scam involved coordination between a few BMTC staff and external representatives linked to the supplier firm. It is being examined whether the company was used as a front to generate fake invoices and procurement records.

Spare parts were allegedly supplied to the warehouse under a benami company. The officials found that the mobile number mentioned in the company's letterhead reportedly belonged to one of the employees, who has a key role in the scam. "Leaving him, the other employees were made the scapegoat," the source said.

"Action is initiated internally by BMTC," BMTC Managing Director Sivakumar K B said.

Medicover opens hosp exclusively for women, kids

Bengaluru: To mark Mother's Day, Medicover Hospitals inaugurated a 100-bed hospital to cater exclusively to women and children, at Hoodi Junction in Whitefield on May 10. Kannada actor Rukmini Vasanth inaugurated the hospital. Obstetricians, fetal medicine specialists, neonatologists, paediatricians and anaesthetists will work together under one roof. The integrated model is poised to allow mothers and infants remain within the same coordinated clinical system from pregnancy through delivery, neonatal care and paediatric follow-ups. Medicover Hospitals Chairman and Managing Director Dr G. Anil Krishna said, "With this launch, we are bringing Medicover's integrated, doctor-led model of perinatal and paediatric care which has delivered strong outcomes across our existing units, to Karnataka." **ENS**

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

12th May : The Bright Side Have you let yourself down? Maybe. But Mercury's angle to Jupiter asks you to challenge that idea. Maybe it was the wrong task for you, or perhaps it was right in theory but the reality was something entirely different. Maybe the size of the job was unmanageable or, more likely, your perspective or expectation was off. All is not lost. Work is inevitable; change is possible.

ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It pays to plan, but you can only predict so much. Your true gift is sensing where the plan stops helping and jumping into the unplanned, better move. The adventure starts where the plan left off.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 - May 20)
You collect small wins across several areas of life and stitch them together to make one lovely blanket of joy. All is cozy with you and yours. All is soft, relaxing, peaceful, snuggly and yours.

GEMINI
(May 21 - June 21)
It's the ideal moment to do inventory of your abundant resources. You have skills, contacts, time pockets, stubbornness, reputation, cash flow, tools and more -- everything you need to get where you want to go.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 22)
The next moves are not obvious, but any action at all will give you information. Data will give you direction by pointing you to the next thing to try. You're closer than you think. Keep moving. Movement is your teacher.

LEO
(July 23 - Aug. 22)
Super safe and familiar environments are like a bubble. Yes, it's safety, but too much protection robs you of your sharpness. Don't get too comfortable. Challenge yourself. Step out. Take a risk.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
There's so much energy to read and too much information to hold onto. Organization is more important than ever. You'll be paid back for the time you take to label and prioritize things well.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
You'll be auditioning some new hobbies. You're not just trying them; you're evaluating them for the feeling they give you, assessing the fit. The right pursuit will meet you on several levels and keep giving back.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Even though technically you may be in a position where you can pretty much do what you want, sometimes you feel even freer inside the structure of an assignment, a game or an expectation. You find yourself by bumping into constraints.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You'll meet a part of yourself you once pushed aside, afraid of its sharpness. Sit with it, hear it out and recruit its power. When acknowledged, it sharpens your instincts and strengthens your direction.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You feel flush, so it's tempting to spend on pleasure, and there's joy in that. There's also a vision of what this money could become. You'll weigh both and choose a path that satisfies today and funds tomorrow.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Obstacles seem way more dramatic than they are. It's new to you, so it's normal not to yet accurately understand the scale of things. Time limits, money gaps, missing skills, gatekeepers, fear of exposure -- these are all manageable problems.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
A shift in perspective changes how you relate to several people at once. You're not cutting ties or making declarations. You're simply seeing a pattern clearly, and that clarity reshapes your involvement.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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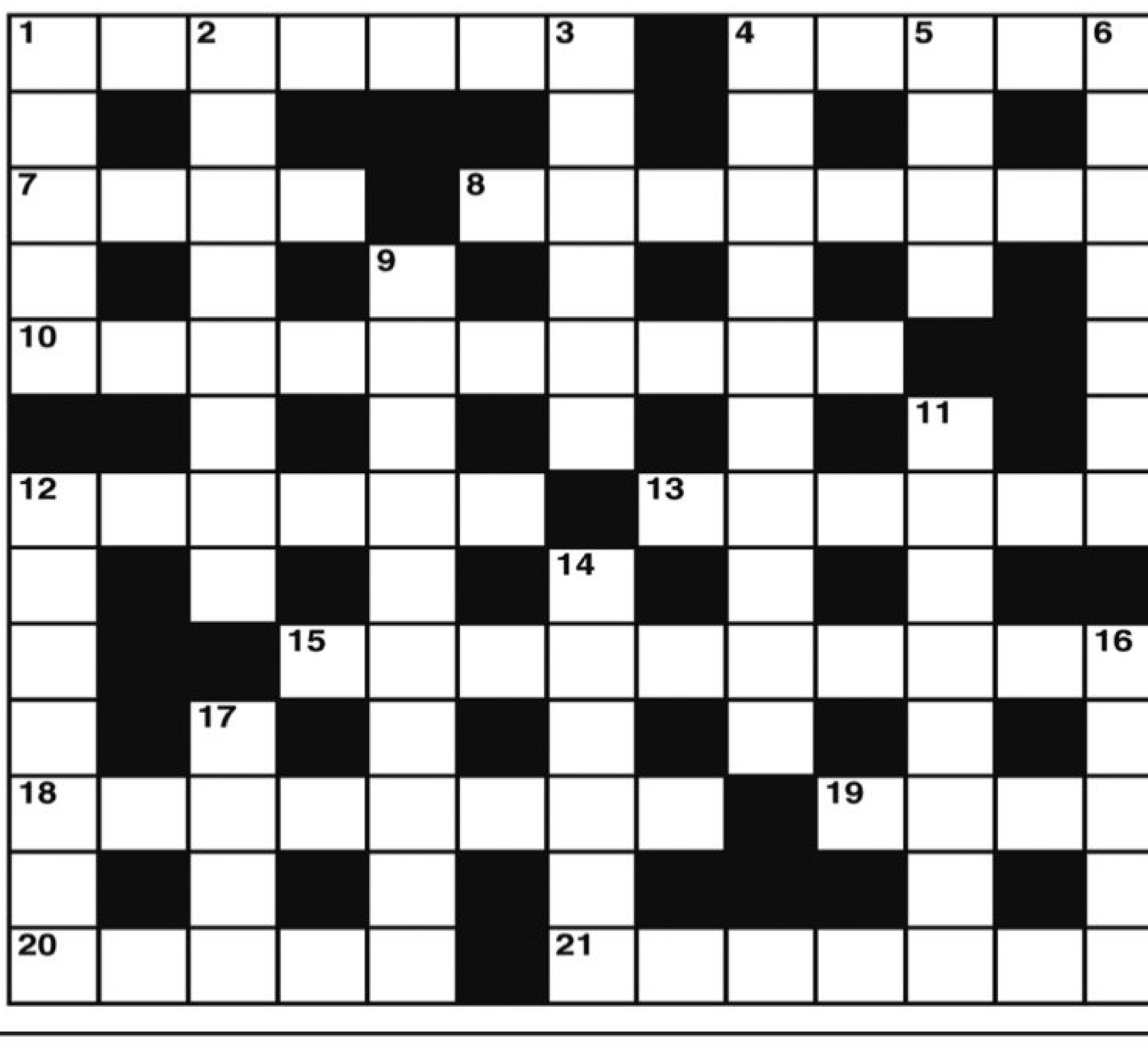

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10 Alibi tenor used to get release (10)
12 Pick a hundred socks with a hole in (6)
13 Note condition of property (6)
15 They may take an interest in banking (10)
18 They make up monograms for people (8)
19 Correct pronunciation for the ceremony (4)
20 Agree the score (5)
21 It's news put out for the viewer (7)

DOWN

1 The animal arrived and left (5)
2 Suitable work for a lay reader? (8)
3 Show errors in feature lacking a proper revision (6)
4 Sister vessel's company? (10)
5 Got up we hear for breakfast (4)
6 Label in slipper means it can be changed (7)
9 In a way property is wealth (10)
11 The spirit of America (8)
12 He won't stand for his instrument being played! (7)
14 Don't take the lead but succeed (6)
16 Endeavours to eke out on board (5)
17 Quietly suffering medical treatment (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Show the flag, 9 Upright, 10 Delhi, 11 Game, 12 Gallants, 14 Report, 16 Enrage, 18 Antidote, 19 Rome, 22 Colon, 23 Trouble, 24 Paper chases.

Down: 2 Harem, 3 Wage, 4 Hit man, 5 Fiddling, 6 Atlanta, 7 Hunger march, 8 First eleven, 13 Prudence, 15 Patella, 17 Static, 20 Ombre, 21 Coda.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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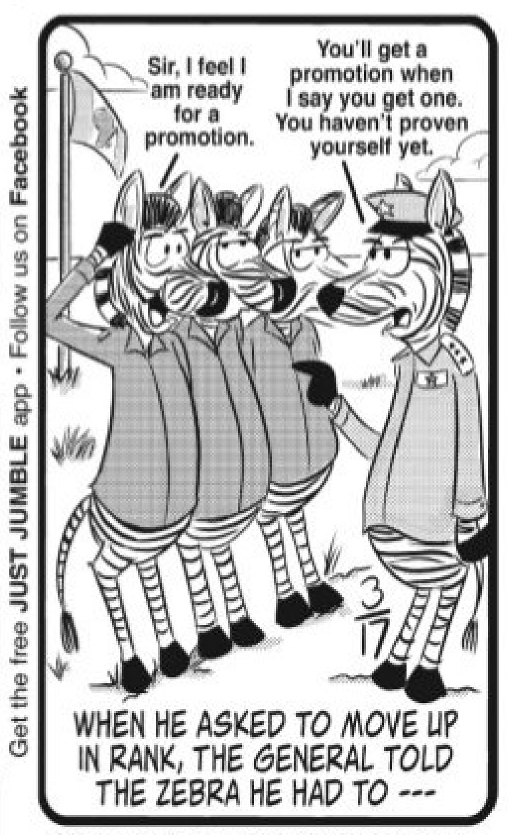

Sir, I feel I am ready for a promotion.
You'll get a promotion when I say you get one. You haven't proven yourself yet.
3/17

WHEN HE ASKED TO MOVE UP IN RANK, THE GENERAL TOLD THE ZEBRA HE HAD TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RIVER BUNCH GATHER LESSON
Answer: If the afterlife has a post office, everything it delivers will be — HEAVEN-SENT

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Deputy Commissioner Kumar said on Monday that the State Government has declared Pandavapura Taluk in Mandya district as an 'Organic Taluk' in the 2026–27 Budget, terming it a decisive step toward strengthening of the agriculture sector

SPL HOME FOR KIDS IN CONFLICT WITH LAW SEES ADMISSION RUSH

With 68 inmates, number highest since inception 15 years ago

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

THE special home for children in conflict with law (CCL) in the city is seeing an unprecedented increase in admissions since the end of last year. "The special home has 68 inmates aged between 14 and 22 years, the highest so far, since its inception 15 years ago in 2011. The sanctioned capacity is 50 inmates," said Dr Antony Sebastian, founder, executive director, ECHO (Empowerment of Children and Human Rights Organisation), a non-profit organisation which manages the Bengaluru-based Government Special Home for CCL.

The increase in the number of CCL in the special home is a disturbing resonance of the recent National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 'Crime in India 2024' report, according to which there is an uptick in crimes by juveniles (CCL) by 11.2 per cent in the country. "Since December last year, the numbers have been steadily increasing at the special home in Sumanahalli centre. There were 55 inmates in December. The number went up to 58 in January, 61 in February, and by April-end, we had 68 inmates. We have written to the Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD), requesting them to increase the capacity and supporting infrastructure, including staff, in the special home. There is staff shortage and it is a challenge to handle the increase in the flow of admissions," he added.

Besides the increase in admissions, the number of drug-related 'convictions' is also of serious concern. "Of the 68 inmates, 10 to 15 boys in the age group of 17-21 years have been 'convicted' for heinous crimes; 20 boys aged between 14 and 18 years have been 'convicted' under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. Some of them are fathers, which has attracted a three-year sentence under POCSO," said Superintendent, Special Home, Biju PT. "Under some tribal practices in Karnataka, children aged between 15 and 16 years choose their life partners. This gets them in the crosshairs of law," he explained. "We are also seeing more number of CCL 'convicted' under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, in the special home. We have 15 CCL under the NDPS Act at present. It is a disturbing trend. Earlier there were nil to a few drug-related cases," said Sebastian.

"In our experience, we find that almost 98 per cent of children who come into conflict with law are from brutal, disturbed and vulnerable socio-economic family backgrounds, where they have faced extreme physical and mental abuse, neglect, trauma and deprivation. They are initiated into drugs and crime by adults, who later use them to peddle drugs and commit heinous crimes such as rape and murder," he explained. "Every CCL is a child who would have been in need of care and protection at some point in their life and was neglected or abused," he added.

A CCL is a child below 18 years who commits a criminal offence. In India s/he is tried under the Juvenile Justice Care & Protection (JJ) Act, 2015, by the Juvenile Justice Board. Maximum sentence under the JJ Act is three years of rehabilitation in a special home. The ECHO centre in Bengaluru is the only special home for CCL in India, which is managed by a non-governmental organisation (NGO). It was set up in 2011 under the JJ Act and provides a holistic approach in reforming and rehabilitating CCL through education, vocational training, farming, horticulture and community based programmes. The special home is completely funded by the state government and is sanctioned Rs 3,000 per inmate per month, which includes education, board and lodging, medical expenses etc for a maximum 50 inmates.

JUICE AND JOY

A father-daughter duo share a light moment as they pause by a roadside to enjoy a bottle of juice in Bengaluru on Monday | KEVIN NASHON

Miscreants steal DD, cash, gold from car after breaking its windshield

BENGALURU: Unidentified miscreants have escaped with cash and a demand draft all valued around Rs 23 lakh by diverting the attention of a couple from Tamil Nadu when they had come to sell their property in Anekal taluk. The incident happened at the Guddahatti Gate on Hosur Road at 2 pm on Friday. After the property sale at the sub-registrar's office in Anekal, the couple was going in a car. Enroute, they found one of the car tyres deflated. A stranger even offered help to them by taking the complainant to check for a puncture shop. After smashing the car's front windshield, the accused escaped with valuables, including a gold ornament. The complaint was filed by N Krishna Mohan (65), from Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu. Mohan parked his car near a petrol bunk and had gone with the stranger while his wife was at the petrol bunk enquiring if there were any puncture shops in the vicinity. "We suspect that the accused was following the complainant from the sub registrar's office," the police said. **ENS**

Ugandan woman held for overstaying visa

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A city court sentenced a Ugandan citizen, Nabukeny Betty Nasimiya (31), for overstaying illegally in India to simple imprisonment (SI) for two years, two months, 15 days, with a Rs 10,000 fine for the offence punishable under Section 14 of the Foreigners Act.

"On verifying documents of the accused, it was disclosed that both passport and visa had expired on May 30 2024. The date of the raid and the date of entry into India clearly show that the accused stayed in Bengaluru illegally. The documentary evidence placed by the prosecution with the consent of the accused counsel during his arguments proves that the accused remained in India exceeding the period mentioned in the visa issued to her", said Judge E Rajeeva Gowda, from Additional City Civil and Sessions Court on April 30.

"Along with the SI, the accused shall pay a penalty of Rs 10,000 and execute a personal bond for Rs 25,000. Issue intimation of the order to the Foreigners Regional Registration Office concerned to take necessary legal action against the accused in view of Section 3(2) of the Foreigners Act 1946, immediately", said judge, and directed to set off the period of judicial custody undergone by her from the conviction.

The court, however, acquitted her of the offences punishable under Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act and Section 370(2) of the IPC, as the prosecution failed to prove that she trafficked a foreign woman on the false promise of getting her a job and induced her into prostitution in the city.

Nabukeny Betty Nasimiya lived in BTM Second Stage in the city. Acting on the complaint that she is running a prostitution business in her house, by trafficking a foreign national with false assurance of providing a job and inducing her to indulge in prostitution by contacting the customers online and WhatsApp, the police in March 2024 raided her house and submitted the charge sheet.

Two siblings die as fire guts shed near Kothanur

Arjun and Asha

BENGALURU: Two siblings, aged five and three, died when fire broke out in their temporary shed near K Narayanapura in Kothanur police station limits on Monday afternoon. The deceased, Arjun (5) and Asha (3) were kids of Durgappa and Savitri, migrant labourers from Raichur. The police said at 1.40 pm, a fire broke out in the shed when the children were inside. Their parents were at work and their grandmother who was looking after them, had gone outside. The exact cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. A large quantity of clothes kept inside the shed caught fire, causing dense smoke, the police said. The police suspect that the children fell unconscious due to the heavy smoke and sustained burns after the fire engulfed the shed. One child died on the spot, while the other succumbed at the hospital. The bodies were shifted to Dr BR Ambedkar Medical College Hospital for autopsy. **ENS**

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APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower(s) in particular that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of **EARC Trust SC-131 ("EARC")**, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of EARC, will be sold by way of e-auction through e-auction agency, M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger) on their website/portal, https://edelweissarc.auctiontiger.net **on June 01, 2026 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm with unlimited extension of 5 minutes each, if a bid is made before close of e-auction, on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "No-recourse basis", for recovery of Rs.25,79,26,378/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Crore Seventy-Nine Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Eight Only) as on February 28, 2014**, as demanded in the 13 (2) notice issued by the assignor Bank on April 09, 2014, together with further interest, charges & costs thereon till the date of actual payment/realization being due to EARC viz. Secured Creditor from **Acropetal Technologies Limited (under Liquidation)** and Sri. D. Ravikumar, Dr. Malini Reddy and Sri. M. Prasanth Kumar (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Borrower/ Mortgagors / Guarantors"). The outstanding dues as on May 07, 2026, calculated as per the Recovery Certificate 161/2021 passed by The Debt Recovery Tribunal Bangalore – II in O.A. 1117/2018 is Rs. 113,39,26,638 (Rupees One Hundred and Thirteen Crore Thirty-Nine Lakhs Twenty-Six Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-Eight Only). State Bank of Travancore (hereinafter referred as 'Assignor') has assigned the debts of the Borrower together with underlying securities in favor of Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC Trust SC- 131 vide the assignment agreement dated March 31, 2015. Thus, EARC has stepped into the shoes of the Secured Creditor pursuant to Assignment of debt vide Assignment agreement dated March 31, 2015.

Description of the Immovable Properties, its Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit described below shall be as follows:

Sr. No	Description of Immovable properties	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)
1	Site no. 1, measuring 8,372 sq. ft., Assessment no. 20/3, Khatha No. 534/A, BBMP ward No. 96, Chikkamunivenkatappa Layout, Cholanayakanahali Main Road, Guddadahalli, RT Nagar Bangalore in the name of Sri. Prasanth Kumar.	**4,97,00,000**	**49,70,000**
2	Site no. 2, measuring 5,612 sq. ft., (24/2) Assessment no. 20/3, Khatha No. 534/A, BBMP ward No. 96, BMP ward no 96 Chikkamunivenkatappa Layout, Cholanayakanahali Main Road, Guddadahalli, RT Nagar Bangalore in the name of Sri. D. Ravikumar	**2,64,00,000**	**26,40,000**

Increment in Bidding	Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Only)
Date of Inspection of Secured Assets	May 18, 2026 (11:00 AM to 4:00 PM) (with prior intimation)
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Date & time of e-Auction	June 01, 2026 from 12.00 PM to 1:00 P.M with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each

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SHARE TO SHINE: The 13th Anniversary Theme of Art of Giving

Dr. Achyuta Samanta

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THE meaning of sharing has always been greater than the act itself. One may share food, one may share time, one may share knowledge, one may share love, or one may share even a small word of hope. But when it is done with a pure heart and without any expectation, it becomes a light for both, the giver and the receiver.

Share to Shine, the theme of the 13th anniversary of Art of Giving, is a very simple but deeply spiritual thought. It tells us that by sharing what we have, we do not become less. Rather, we become brighter in our own life, because the joy of another person becomes a part of our own happiness.

In our ancient Indian wisdom, giving has never been seen only as charity. It is seen as a duty, as a discipline, and as a path to inner purification. The Taittiriya Upanishad says,

श्रद्धया देयम् । अश्रद्धयाऽदेयम्
श्रिया देयम् । ह्रिया देयम्
भिया देयम् । संविदा देयम्

(shraddhaya deyam,
ashraddhaya adeyam,
shriya deyam, hriya deyam,
bhiya deyam, samvida deyam)

Which means, give with faith; do not give without faith. Give with grace, give with humility, give with responsibility and give with understanding. This is the true spirit of Share to Shine. Sharing should not come from pride. It should come from respect for the other person and from a feeling that the same divinity lives in all.

In the Bhagavad Gita also, Lord Krishna explains to Arjuna that the best form of giving is that which is given at the right place, at the right time, to a worthy person, and without any expectation of return. This is Sattvik Daan. This thought is very close to the philosophy of Art of Giving, propounded by Shree Achyuta Samanta, who has shown through his life that giving is not a matter of wealth, but a matter of heart.

Share to Shine can be practised by every person in day-to-day life. A teacher can share knowledge with a student beyond the classroom. A student can share time with a friend who is weak in studies. A doctor can share care with a patient beyond treatment. A professional can share skill with someone who needs guidance. A neighbour can share food with a hungry person. A child can share a smile with an elderly person. Each act may look small, but its effect can be very large.

The sun shines because it gives light. The river remains pure because it flows and gives water. The tree stands silently and gives fruits, shade and oxygen without asking anything in return. Nature itself teaches us that sharing is the law of life. When we stop sharing, we become closed within ourselves. When we start sharing, we become connected with the universe.

परोपकाराय फलन्ति वृक्षाः,
परोपकाराय वहन्ति नद्यः।
परोपकाराय दुहन्ति गावः,
परोपकारार्थमिदं शरीरम॥

(paropakaraya phalanti vrikshah,
(paropakaraya vahanti nadyah,
paropakaraya duhanti
gavah, paropakarartham
idam shariram)

Which means, trees bear fruits for others, rivers flow for others, cows give milk for others, and this human body is meant for the service of others. Therefore, Share to Shine is not only a theme for one celebration. It is a call to make sharing a habit, a culture and a way of living.

At this age of technology and fast life, people may have more facilities but less time for each other. Many are connected through devices, but lonely in heart. In such a time, sharing time, listening to someone, guiding a young mind, supporting a needy family, teaching a skill, donating books, feeding someone, or simply speaking with kindness can become a great act of giving.

The 13th anniversary of Art of Giving with the theme Share to Shine reminds every one of us that goodness should not remain locked inside us. Whatever good we have must travel to others. When knowledge is shared, it becomes wisdom. When food is shared, it becomes Prasad. When love is shared, it becomes devotion. When happiness is shared, it becomes peace.

Service to mankind is service to God. Sharing is the simplest form of service. Let us share what we can, wherever we can, with a pure mind and no expectation of return. In that sharing, we will not lose anything. We will shine within, and we will help others shine too.

Law and Tourism Minister H K Patil slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's comments on power sharing in the state and said the PM was echoing the statements of Vijayendra, the BJP state president, rather than speaking in the PM's own capacity

PM's speech filled with jealousy, lies, destroys dignity of post: CM

'Past PMs didn't stoop to street-style speeches, abuse Oppn parties like petty politicians'

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@ Bengaluru

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the Karnataka Congress is riddled with internal squabbles, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah shot back saying none of the PMs in the past stooped to the level of street-style speeches or abused Opposition parties like petty politicians.

The CM stated that through speeches filled with lies, poor taste, hatred and jealousy, Modi is destroying the dignity, seriousness and propriety of the Prime Minister's chair, which his predecessors had upheld.

Expressing his displeasure on social media platform 'X', Siddaramaiah said that Modi must clarify whether his speech in Bengaluru on Sunday was delivered as the PM of the country, as the state BJP president or as the Leader of the Opposition in Karnataka. Modi must clear the confusion that has arisen in the minds of the people, the CM said. "Although the PM addressed the Congress government in the state, his remarks reflected the failure of his own government at the Centre and his helplessness in being unable to correct the poor condition of his party in Karnataka," the CM elaborated.

The CM said that the PM, who had boasted that he would make India a 5 trillion USD economy by 2024-25 and who had patted himself on the back saying that poverty in the country had been eradicated, is now pleading with people not to buy gold, to use less petrol and edible oil and to avoid foreign travel. "Modi must clarify what kind of "development" this reflects," the CM said, adding that the people of the country are mature enough to understand that the hardship they are facing in their daily lives, with petrol, diesel, cooking gas and edible oil becoming costlier is the result of the country's confused foreign policy. "India is now caught in the middle of the war being jointly waged by Israel and the United States against Iran," Siddaramaiah said.

Stressing on Karnataka, the CM said under the Congress Government, Karnataka's economic condition is strong. While India's per capita income is Rs 2.11 lakh, Karnataka's is Rs 4.33 lakh. While India's GDP growth rate is 7.4%, Karnataka's GDP growth rate is 8.1%, the CM said.

"Karnataka's share in the country's GDP is 9.19%. In GST collection too, Karnataka contributes the highest share after Maharashtra," the CM said, questioning what more proof does the PM need that Karnataka is moving rapidly on the path of development. "The next time you make allegations against our government, please come with some preparation. False statements do not befit the Prime Minister of the country," Siddaramaiah told Modi.

The CM also criticised Karnataka BJP saying that its condition has deteriorated to such an extent that it is now falling at the feet of leaders who are suspended by the party and bringing them back for election campaigning. "Such people are now trying to preach to the Congress," the CM concluded.

> **Although the PM addressed the Congress government in the state, his remarks reflected the failure of his own government at the Centre and his helplessness in being unable to correct the poor condition of his party in Karnataka —** Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

'Why PM not talking about rise in gold, fuel prices'

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DEPUTY CM DK Shivakumar said PM Modi should explain why prices of gold and fuel have increased in the country. The DCM questioned who is responsible for hike in prices.

"Earlier, during Covid-19, he (Modi) made people light lamps and clap, did that solve the problem? Can you tell a married woman not to wear a gold chain or mangalsutra? Whether in hardship or happiness, people take loans to buy gold. If everyone is being told to use public transport, let the PM first direct Central government officials to travel by public transport," he said.

CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar console the family of Minister D Sudhakar at Challakere, Chitradurga district, on Monday. Sudhakar was cremated with full state honours. He passed away in Bengaluru on Sunday after prolonged illness

Minister Sudhakar cremated with full state honours

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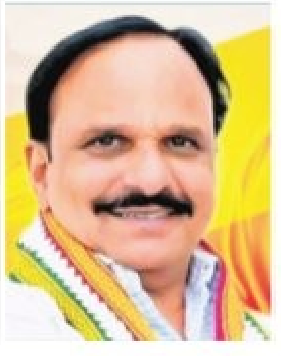

THE last rites of Congress leader **D Sudhakar**, who was Minister for Planning and Statistics in the Karnataka cabinet, were performed at the Jain Dham in Challakere, Chitradurga district, on Monday evening.

Sudhakar, who was also Chitradurga district in-charge minister, passed away owing to a lung infection at a private hospital in Bengaluru on Sunday morning. Sudhakar's son Suhas performed the last rites by lighting the funeral pyre. The late Congress leader's mortal remains were brought from Bengaluru to Hiriyur on Sunday and were then moved to his Challakere residence. At 10am on Monday, the body was shifted to Sudhakar Stadium, where it was kept for the public to pay homage. Later, it was transported in a decorated truck to the Jain Dham, where the last rites were performed according to Jain tradition with full state honours, that included a three-round gun salute.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Assembly Speaker UT Khader, ministers, and several other political leaders were present.

Later, Agriculture Minister N Cheluvarayaswamy said that Sudhakar led a simple life. "I know him for the last 25 years. We worked together in the cabinet. His smiling and honest personality is an example for all of us," he said.

Remembering the contributions of Sudhakar, Labour Minister Santosh Lad said the former always stood for the farmers and the poor. He said that the government's attention will be drawn to the idea of naming the Upper Bhadra Project after Sudhakar.

'All this after years of economic mismanagement'

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A fresh political row has erupted after Karnataka Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge accused the Union Government of asking ordinary citizens to bear the burden of what he described economic failures, sparking a debate over responsibility and sacrifice.

Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Priyank Kharge said that the Union Government was presenting austerity measures as acts of patriotism only after years of alleged economic mismanagement.

"After rising prices, weak job growth, and increasing dependence on imports, the burden is now being shifted onto common people in the name of nation first," he said.

Priyank's remarks came in response to the Prime Minister's recent appeal urging citizens to adopt a more restrained lifestyle-cutting down on fuel use, avoiding gold purchases, reducing consumption of cooking oil, limiting foreign travel, and prioritising domestic products.

Priyank questioned the timing of the appeal. "When votes were needed, there were slogans. When accountability is needed, there are appeals," he said, describing the campaign as "damage control dressed up as patriotism."

Other Karnataka ministers echoed the criticism. Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil said the PM must "lead by example, not by empty preaching," indirectly referring to Prime Minister's five nation foreign visit while he was urging the people to cut down on travel abroad.

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre went further, alleging that the Centre was trying to "cover up failure," even as the Prime Minister continued international visits.

Modi should think of retaining his chair: Hariprasad

Congress MLC **BK Hariprasad** on Monday said that PM Modi should think of retaining his chair instead of speaking about the CM's chair in Karnataka. "US President Trump has said that he can remove Modi as PM whenever he wants. Before speaking about the CM's chair, better check if your chair is strong enough," Hariprasad said, addressing reporters here. He was replying to Modi's remarks in Bengaluru on Sunday that it remains undecided how long the CM (Siddaramaiah) will remain in office. Hariprasad criticised Modi for urging the people of the country to adopt austerity measures, including judicious use of fuel."Modi's golden words have sent shockwaves across the country. "The man, who is advising Indians to forgo many things, should first walk the talk. He used to claim that India is the third or fourth largest economy in the world... and now he admits that there is a serious crisis," he said. Referring to Modi's allegation that the Congress is known for betraying its allies, Hariprasad referred Modi to "Mahishasura", alleging that the BJP, under him, has been weakening regional parties and sidelining its own leaders. "This Mahishasura finished Akali Dal, Shiv Sena, Janata Dal, AIADMK and NCP," he alleged.

SRINGERI RECOUNTING

Rajegowda welcomes SC verdict, Jeevaraj to 'wait and watch'

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CONGRESS MLA TD Rajegowda on Monday welcomed the Supreme Court's interim order restoring him as the MLA from Sringeri, while Bharatiya Janata Party leader DN Jeevaraj said he would "wait and watch" the developments ahead of the next hearing on May 21.

The Supreme Court on Monday ordered maintenance of status quo ante in the Sringeri Assembly constituency election dispute, restoring Rajegowda as MLA and reversing the recent recount process that had favoured Jeevaraj.

The apex court further issued notice to the Election Commission of India and posted the next hearing for May 21.

Jeevaraj told *The New Indian Express* over phone that the Supreme Court had only passed an interim order.

"The Supreme Court has passed an interim order, posting the next hearing for May 21. It has issued notice to the Election Commission of India. I will watch, wait and see. Let me see what happens next," he said.

'Win for truth, dharma and justice'

Rajegowda described the order as a victory for "truth, dharma and justice.""The Supreme Court has upheld the truth, dharma and justice and I have got victory in the court order," Rajegowda said. Alleging electoral malpractice by his rival camp, Rajegowda said the verdict would serve as a lesson to those indulging in such acts. "For Jeevaraj and his accomplices who have purportedly done the misdeed, it is a lesson and this will go on record in the pages of Indian election history, teaching a lesson for those who indulge in such malpractices," he said.

"I am extremely happy with the Supreme Court order and this is the beginning of my success story," Rajegowda added.

Background

The matter pertains to the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections, in which Rajegowda had been declared winner from Sringeri constituency, by a slender margin of 201 votes. Following this, Jeevaraj moved the Karnataka High Court through an election petition. Hearing his appeal, the high court had on April 6 ordered a recount of postal ballot votes, including a reverification of 279 rejected postal ballots.

On May 3, the returning officer declared a revised result, in which Rajegowda's votes were reportedly reduced by 255 and Jeevaraj was declared the winning candidate. Rajegowda challenged this order of the RO and moved the Supreme Court.

Gelatin: Police analysing CCTV footage

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IN the complaint, constable Jagadish Doddamani of Kodihalli police station, stated that around 7am Sunday, he was on bandobast duty in Sector 1A near a mud road, adjacent to a forest area close to Kanakapura Road. While conducting routine checks of suspicious persons, vehicles and objects around 9.45am, he noticed a suspicious ziplock plastic cover lying in a vacant area, approximately 20 feet away from the roadside near the forest compound. Upon closer inspection, police found a cardboard box wrapped with tape inside the plastic cover. The box allegedly contained around six stick-like objects resembling gelatin sticks, along with wires, matchsticks, empty containers, and tape material, the FIR stated.

The constable alerted senior officers. Subsequently, the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) and explosive disposal experts were informed. Inspections were carried out in the nearby area for more than 30 minutes.

Police said they are analysing CCTV footage and examining whether the explosive materials were intentionally placed or had accidentally fallen. City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh told reporters that police had received a threat call on Sunday morning, with the caller claiming to have planted an explosive in the area, before switching off his phone. However, police traced the suspect, Lohith (40), within hours using technical surveillance and took him into custody. Responding to a question about the accused's mental health condition, the commissioner said doctors were examining him and police were also verifying his medical records. Investigation is under way.

Issue notification for 56K posts: BYV to govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) has come in for widespread criticism for delays and irregularities in the recruitment process, and it is known that many qualified youth have faced uncertainty regarding government job opportunities.

Following protests, the government announced plans to begin recruitment for 56,432 posts. However, the official notification for these posts has not yet been issued. The KPSC, which is constitutionally responsible for selecting and appointing qualified candidates to government positions, has come under scrutiny for alleged corruption, procedural irregularities, and lack of transparency in candidate selection. Several court verdicts have highlighted issues in the Commission's functioning and exposed irregularities in past processes. KPSC has indicated that it plans to introduce reforms, including the use of new technologies, to improve candidate selection. However, many job seekers remain skeptical about these claims due to past experiences.

BJP state chief BY Vijayendra recommended for KPSC to restore public confidence, it is essential to implement transparent procedures and robust safeguards in the selection process. He urged the government to issue a notification for the 56,432 posts without further delay, and ensure that recruitment is conducted fairly and efficiently.

SWEET VISIT

Former PM and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda tastes a mango at the Mango and Jackfruit fair in Bengaluru's Cubbon Park on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

Major guarantees for B'luru tomorrow: DKS

BENGALURU: DCM and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar said the State Government would announce major guarantees for Bengaluru on Wednesday. On Sunday's meeting with AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala, he said, "We held a political meeting with Surjewala. We called officials and gave instructions. We are going to announce major guarantees for the city on May 13." ENS

LAKKUNDI TO BECOME LARGEST OPEN MUSEUM WITH 3K RELICS

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

The village of Lakkundi is poised to become the biggest open museum of historical remains in the country, surpassing Telangana's Warangal open museum. Following the second phase of exploration, thousands of hero stones, antiquarian remains and inscriptions have been uncovered.

According to officials from Lakkundi Heritage Area Development Authority, as of Monday, Lakkundi's open museum now houses more than 3,000 historical remains, compared to Warangal's 2,000. With this achievement, Lakkundi is on track to soon become the largest open museum in India. Visitors from across the country are already arriving to see its famed temples and wells.

The Department of Tourism, Department of Archaeological Museums and Heritage, and Lakkundi Heritage Area Development Authority have identified more than 50 locations of interest, including village farmhouses. During the second phase of archaeological excavation in Lakkundi, sculptures in the Rashtrakuta and Hoysala styles were discovered.

Villagers extended their cooperation during the first phase by handing over hundreds of historical remains, and continue to assist in recovering artifacts from fields and farmhouses outside the village.

Siddu Patil, state committee member of Lakkundi Heritage Area Development Authority, said, "We have been finding a significant number of historical remains outside present-day Lakkundi. This suggests that we will soon locate all 101 wells and 101 temples. We are also receiving tremendous cooperation from the villagers, without whom we could have achieved nothing. We also thank Law and Tourism Minister HK Patil for guiding us in this task."

Sharanu Gogeri, commissioner, Lakkundi Heritage Area Development Authority, added, "We now have more than 2,800 historical relics in the open museum of Lakkundi, which is a record. There is still one week remaining, and the number of relics may cross 3,500."

Historical remains found on the outskirts of Lakkundi on Monday

In an incident that has shocked the Forest Department, thieves have stolen two camera traps from the Muttodi Forest Range in the Bhadra Tiger Reserve. The cameras had been installed in the core forest area to capture tiger movement ahead of the tiger census. The theft took place where strict permission is required for entry

HC COMMUTES 78-YR-OLD MAN'S 1 YEAR IMPRISONMENT TO A DAY

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@Bengaluru

THE High Court of Karnataka has commuted a 78-year-old man's simple imprisonment of one year for a day till the rising of the court.

Syed Saifudden of Bannimantap in Mysuru was sentenced by a trial court for causing an accident during a car test drive. While driving the car, he rammed a motorcycle from behind in 2012, resulting in the death of a pillion rider. "Taking note of the physical/health condition of the petitioner, this court, as a peculiar case, is of the opinion that the sentence needs to be modified by directing him to undergo simple imprisonment for a day till the rising of the court by paying an enhanced fine amount of Rs 5 lakh, though the concept of 'blood money' is alien to the Indian criminal jurisprudence," said Justice V Srishananda. He directed the petitioner to undergo imprisonment for a day till the rising of the court and to pay enhanced fine amount of Rs 5 lakh on or before May 15.

On July 28, 2012, Saifudden, who took the test drive, drove the car in a rash and negligent manner and hit the bike from behind near the railway under bridge at Unnathi Nagar, KRS Ring Road in NR Police Station around 2 pm. The pillion rider, Lakshmi, and the rider were seriously injured. Lakshmi succumbed to her injuries later. On March 26, 2018, the magistrate court sentenced Saifudden to undergo one year's simple imprisonment and pay a fine of Rs 7,500. This was confirmed by the sessions court on August 9, 2018. Saifudden moved the high court by filing a criminal revision petition in 2018 challenging both the orders. He appeared before the court in a wheelchair with his son's assistance. Modifying the sentence imposed by the trial court, which was confirmed by the sessions court, the high court noted that the petitioner volunteers to pay Rs 5 lakh as compensation to the dependents of the deceased, apart from the compensation which has been received by the dependents through the tribunal.

Priest, 3 others in soup for staging kidnap drama

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BYADARAHALLI police have summoned a 27-year-old priest and three persons belonging to another family for staging an abduction drama to bring back a man who had eloped with a girl.

The priest's brother had eloped with the girl, who belongs to the family of three persons. As part of the kidnap drama, they made a video showing the priest being assaulted and forced to request his brother to bring back the girl and rescue him. After the video was sent to the family members, one of their relatives, unaware of the kidnap drama, approached the police and filed a complaint.

The police, who saw the video, believed it to be a case of abduction. Only after the priest's "rescue", they came to know that it was a kidnap drama.

The priest has been identified as Kotresh, who lives near Veerabhadreshwara Temple in D Group Layout. The other three have been identified as Basavaraju, Virupaksha and Umesh Swamy.

The complaint was filed by YS Niranjana Murthy, 34, a resident of D Group Layout, who is also a priest. He works with Kotresh in the same temple. The kidnap drama was staged on Friday night. The complaint was filed on Saturday morning. Kotresh's brother Shiva Kumar, 24, who is in love with the daughter of Basavaraju, eloped with her on Thursday evening. Shiva took her away from her college in Rajajinagar. They had plans to get married soon.

Kotresh was forced into a car by three others on the temple premises in front of some devotees. When Niranjana Murthy went to the temple, he was informed that Kotresh was taken away in a car. After seeing the video, he approached the police. "Action will be taken against those who tried to mislead the police. Shiva Kumar has returned home along with the girl," said a police officer.

EXPRESS READ

HDK to inaugurate conference on EV charging infra today

BENGALURU: Bengaluru will host a national-level conference on enabling EV charging infrastructure under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme on Tuesday. Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy will launch 'Unified Bharat e-Charge' app, an integrated platform for EV charging access and payments. The conference will focus on expanding India's public EV charging ecosystem and implementation of strategies under the Rs 10,900-crore PM E-DRIVE initiative. The app will allow users to locate charging stations, access networks across operators and make digital payments through a single interface. The conference will also focus on deployment guidelines, compliance mechanisms and future strategies for expanding EV public charging infrastructure under the E-DRIVE scheme. A sum of Rs 2,000 crore has been earmarked.

Lakhs of devotees thronged Bhuvanahalli village, in Hassan district, on Sunday to participate in the famous car festival of Goddess Deviramma. The festival, popularly known as 'Bandihabba', is held once every 13 years in Bhuvanahalli and is considered one of the most significant religious events in the region. Treating guests with unlimited food, alcohol and non-vegetarian dishes is considered a unique tradition of the festival | EXPRESS

ASI begins ₹56 lakh conservation of Hazara Rama Temple

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Hampi, Hosapete

ACTING on the directives of Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat during his recent visit to Hampi, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Hampi Circle, has bebun conservation works at the historic Hazara Ramachandra Temple in Hampi. The project, estimated at around Rs 56 lakh, is aimed at safeguarding the monument's architectural and historical character.

The conservation initiative focuses on the restoration of the temple complex's stone flooring and is expected to be completed within 60 days. The ASI has stated that the restoration will be undertaken in strict conformity with the traditional construction practices that prevailed during the Vijayanagara period.

In keeping with this approach, the ASI is employing time-honoured materials — such as lime, river sand, jaggery, gallnut, bael fruit, and river pebbles — in the preparation of lime concrete and plaster. These traditional inputs are being used to preserve the site's historical authenticity while maintaining its structural integrity.

Sambhram institute holds grad day, fest

Bengaluru: Sambhram Institute of Technology organised its graduation day on May 8 and its annual fest Sambhramotsva on May 9 as part of the institution's silver jubilee celebrations. At the graduation ceremony, 567 students of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Information Science and Engineering (ISE), Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI&ML), Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI&DS) and Computer Science and Engineering (Cyber Security) were conferred degrees. Muthukumar M, vice-president of engineering and head of networking business unit at Hewlett Packard Enterprise, was the chief guest. Dr V Nagaraj, B N Nagaraj and Dhanya Nagaraj, chairman, CEO and director, respectively, of Sambhram Group of Institutions and H G Chandrakanth, principal of Sambhram Institute of Technology, were present. The Sambhramotsva featured a wide range of technical competitions, cultural performances, sport activities, music and dance events and entertainment programmes. **ENS**

FOCUS FEATURE

Dr. R. Chethan Kumar: Pioneering a Drug-less Healthcare Revolution Through Naturopathy

In today's fast-paced world, lifestyle disorders such as diabetes, obesity, stress, hypertension, and anxiety are rising at an alarming rate. Amid growing dependence on medicines and costly treatments, naturopathy has emerged as a powerful holistic approach to preventive healthcare. Leading this transformation is Dr. R. Chethan Kumar, a dedicated naturopathy practitioner, educationist, and visionary committed to building a healthier and drug-less society through natural healing and value-based education.

Holding a BNYS degree along with an MDS in Yogic Science, Dr. Chethan Kumar has devoted his career to promoting naturopathy, yoga, preventive healthcare, and disciplined living. He strongly believes that proper diet, yoga, physical activity, and natural therapies can effectively prevent and manage many modern lifestyle diseases.

As the Medical Director and CEO of MRR Nature Cure Hospital, he has established a holistic healing center that integrates traditional naturopathy with modern therapeutic practices. The hospital offers treatments including Hydrotherapy, Acupuncture, Therapeutic Yoga, Physiotherapy, Diet Therapy, Manipulative Therapy, and Aromatherapy, guided by the philosophy: "Prevention is Better than Cure."

> **"Health and education are the strongest foundations of a progressive society. By returning to our roots and embracing natural living, we can build a healthier future for generations to come."**
> - Dr. R. Chethan Kumar

RAJASHEKARIAH GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS

Beyond healthcare, Dr. Kumar has made significant contributions to education through the Rajashekaraiah Group of Institutions. His initiatives include Rajashekaraiah Public School, Rajashekaraiah PU College, Rajashekaraiah Institute of Naturopathy and Yogic Science, and Rajashekaraiah Institute of Ayurveda and Medical Sciences, all focused on empowering rural students and preserving India's traditional systems of medicine.

Driven by service, ethics, and nation-building, Dr. Chethan Kumar continues to inspire communities toward wellness, self-reliance, and culturally rooted healthcare.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
DAVANAGERE DIVISION, DAVANAGERE.

No.EE:PWD:Dvg/JE:IFT-03:2026-27/322 Dated:- 11.05.2026

SHOR TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref : This office tender notification No. IFT-03/2026-27 dated : 11.05.2026.

The works under Head of Account 4059-80-051-0-60-423 CMIDP TSP, 1 work Rs. 50.00 lakhs pertaining to Channagiri sub division under the Jurisdiction of PWD, Davanagere division, has been called for the tenders from registered Contractors in KPWD for the above works through KPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Tender dates are as mentioned below:
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 26.05.2026 Time: 16.00
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 27.05.2026 Time: 16.30
Further details can be obtained from this office in office hours.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/73/2026-27

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD, Davanagere.

GANGADHAR MEHER UNIVERSITY
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No. 2212 /GMU/2026 **Date- 11.05.2026**

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

With reference to Recruitment Notice **no.648/GMU/2026 dated 27.02.2026** and **855/GMU/2026 dated 27.02.2026** regarding appointment to the post of Assistant Professor/Associate Professor/Professor against regular sanctioned posts in various departments of Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur, it is hereby informed that the online application form, details of terms and conditions, etc., is available in the University website **(www.gmuniversity.ac.in).**

Opening Date of Online application -14.05.2026

Closing Date of Online application- 14.06.2026

Sd/- Registrar

ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD. (ARCIL)
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Arcil office: The Ruby, 10th floor, 29, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West) Mumbai-400 028
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH ONLINE E-AUCTION IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (SARFAESI ACT) READ WITH RULES 6, 8 & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s) / Mortgagor (s), in particular, that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited, acting in its capacity as Trustee of various Arcil Trusts ("ARCIL") (pursuant to the assignment of financial asset vide registered Assignment Agreements), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse basis" by way of online e-auction, for recovery of outstanding dues of together with further interest, charges and costs etc., as detailed below in terms of the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") read with Rules 6, 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgager/s	LAN No. & Selling Bank	Trust Name	Outstanding amount as per SARFAESI Notice dated :09.12.2021	Possession type and date	Date of Inspection	Type of Property and Area	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Last Date for submission of Bid	Reserve Price	Date & Time of E-Auction
Mr/Mrs SUJATHA (Borrower) **Mr/Mrs AJAI CHUDHAMANI (Co-Borrowers 1)** **Mr/Mrs CHINNAPAPA (Co-Borrowers 2)**	**ELPMLATL 0015466**	Arcil-Retail Loan Portfolio-092-A-Trust ("Arcil")	**Rs. 20,80,232/-** (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Two Only) as on 25.11.2021 + further Interest calculated thereon from 26.11.2021 Legal Expenses	Physical Possession on 14.07.2022	Will be arranged on request	House/ 600 sft / Free hold	**Rs.2,55,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Only) Same day 2 hours before Auction **10-06-2026 On or before 03:15 PM** **Bid Increment:** As mentioned in the BID document.	**Rs.25,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**	**10-06-2026 05:15 PM**

Description of the Secured Asset being auctioned:
Property Owned by: SUJATHA K
All the piece and parcel of Northern portion of property bearing No. 154, carved out of Sy. No. 23 of Nagadevanahalli, (Bhuvaneshwari Nagar) Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore Now within the jurisdiction of BBMP. North by- Property No. 155 South by- Southern portion of same Property, East by- Property No. 135, West by- Road

Pending Litigations known to ARCIL	NIL	
Encumbrances/Dues known to ARCIL	NIL	
Last Date for submission of Bid	Same day 2 hours before Auction	
BID Increment Amt	As mentioned in the Bid Document	
Demand Draft	Arcil-Retail Loan Portfolio-092-A-Trust("Arcil")	Payable at : At par
RTGS details	"Arcil-Retail Loan Portfolio-092-A-Trust", Trust Account: _ HDFC BANK Bank Limited, Branch: MUMBAI - KAMALA MILLS, Mumbai, IFSC Code: _ HDFC0000542, Current Account No. 57500001362761.	
Name of Contact person & number	Rakesh M V : 9611500100 , Mabusab : 8861292573.	

Terms and Conditions:

1. The Auction Sale is being conducted through e-auction through the website https://auction.arcil.co.in and as per the Terms and Conditions of the Bid Document, and as per the procedure set out therein.
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3. At any stage of the auction, the AO may accept/reject/modify/cancel the bid/offer or post-pone the Auction without assigning any reason thereof and without any prior notice.
4. The successful purchaser/bidder shall bear any statutory dues, taxes, fees payable, applicable GST on the purchase consideration, stamp duty, registration fees, etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the secured asset conveyed/delivered in his/her/its favour as per the applicable law.
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8. In the event, the auction scheduled hereinabove fails for any reason whatsoever, ARCIL has the right to sell the secured asset by any other methods under the provisions of Rule 8(5) of the Rules and the Act.

Place: Bangaluru
Date: 12-05-2026

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.

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AUCTION NOTICE

It is informed that the below mentioned Jewel Loan customers of our Bank failed to settle their loan accounts even after our repeated reminders and Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due to their registered address have been already sent to them.

If the full loan amount is not settled on or before the auction date mentioned below, the pledged items will be auctioned **at 11:00 AM on** the specified date, or any subsequent convenient date, without further notice and as full satisfaction of the bank by public auction sale at the bank premises or at the E-Auction Platform. https://egold.auctiontiger.net.

Auction Date : 12.06.2026

Ref. No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Gross weight	Net weight
18036868	VIOLA BABITA LOBO	BANASHANKARI, BENGALURU	119.40	115.30
18033481	PRAMILA	BANASHANKARI, BENGALURU	32.00	31.50
18036424	L SATHISH	BANASHANKARI, BENGALURU	37.60	36.90
14430782	B SHEKAR	BASAWESHWARA NAGAR, BENGALURU	369.00	350.00
29130318	ABDUL SALEEM	HBR LAYOUT, BENGALURU	99.10	91.00
29138100	SHAKILA	HBR LAYOUT, BENGALURU	11.90	11.40
32432616	SANJAY AGARWAL	KANAKAPURA MAIN ROAD, BENGALURU	19.70	19.20
32434793	VENDA	KANAKAPURA MAIN ROAD, BENGALURU	37.30	35.20
38835709	C MAHAVEER CHAND	KENGERI	252.10	241.00
38835790	SUMAN JAIN	KENGERI	375.30	340.00
38836665	KRISHNA K	KENGERI	51.80	43.00
38835772	C MAHAVEER CHAND	KENGERI	317.50	276.00
38835781	KAMALA BAI	KENGERI	573.70	538.00
38836896	DARSHAN M R	KENGERI	25.20	24.00
38835718	PANKAJ JAIN M	KENGERI	592.10	512.00
77437259	KADAPPA NANDAGANV	YELAHANKA, BENGALURU	14.40	14.20
17337082	SUMA ANGADI	BAGALKOT	29.80	29.80
17337152	MEGHANA ZINGADE	BAGALKOT	71.20	69.20
17337143	VINAYAK B ZINGADE	BAGALKOT	122.60	119.20
15434076	LAKKAPPA YALLAPPA TIGADI	BELGAUM	53.60	52.50
17131593	D GAYATHRI	BELLARY	6.56	6.40
92739433	VINAYAK BANDIVADDAR	BYADGI	42.50	39.60
60637161	PAVAN HAVERI	RANEBENNUR	19.70	18.50
60636959	MALLIKARJUN R JADHAV	RANEBENNUR	55.00	52.20
32134678	SHILPA VISHAL MARATHE	KARWAR	35.99	33.00
32134687	KRISHNA NARAYAN VADDAR	KARWAR	5.70	5.10
29831331	MOHAMMED ALI P	HOSPET	17.60	16.00
29831058	E CHANDRASEKAR	HOSPET	41.80	39.50
29831012	CHAMAN BEE	HOSPET	23.10	23.00
60133685	RANGA SWAMY	RAICHUR	22.20	16.20
60133931	BHARATHI	RAICHUR	87.80	83.80
60134204	JOHN	RAICHUR	23.30	23.30
60133889	MOHAMMED ASIF J H	RAICHUR	41.10	41.10
21332443	SATHISH	CHANNARAYAPATNA	8.00	7.90
29332814	GANESHA NAYAKA	HASSAN	13.95	13.80
15630390	HARISH.S	BANGARPET	30.90	29.60
15639677	ESWARAMMA M	BANGARPET	50.10	47.80
15630008	NAGARAJU	BANGARPET	60.30	60.00
44635334	Y K VIJAYA KUMARA	MANDYA	57.70	32.70
20537475	KARIYAMMA B	CHITRADURGA	9.30	8.70
22331410	GURUSIDDANA GOWDA K G	DAVANGERE	166.00	139.00
67234429	SANDEEP G S	SHIMOGA	46.60	46.40
77531848	VIKAS	UDUPI	48.90	35.90

Place : Chennai
Date : 08.05.2026

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Sandeep Patil, the newly appointed Inspector General of Police of the Belagavi Northern Range, has brought international recognition to the state by successfully completing the prestigious Ironman 70.3 Western Sydney 2026 endurance championship in Australia, once again showcasing extraordinary determination, discipline and physical endurance

BJP SOUNDS POLL BUGLE

BSY ABHIMANOTSAVA SENDS A POLITICAL MESSAGE TO STATE

G SUBHASH CHANDRA
@Chitradurga

THE mega convention convened in Chitradurga to commemorate the 50-year political odyssey of former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa has sent ripples through political circles. Even those who had been openly criticising the BJP for its perceived silence over the past three years have now altered their stance.

A multi-lingual showcase

The fluent, seamless Hindi delivered by Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah has drawn widespread attention among politicians. Vijayendra pronounced even complex Hindi words with remarkable ease, underlining that he is indeed a multi-lingual orator.

Vijayendra also recalled the names of Bharatiya Jan Sangh founders Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, alongside poet Rabindranath Tagore. He further asserted that the "anti-people, anti-Hindu" dispensation, which treated citizens with cruelty, had been decisively removed — attributed to Amit Shah's decisive intervention.

Legacy of Yediyurappa and unwavering resolve

Shedding light on Yediyurappa's services, Vijayendra noted that even six years after stepping down from the Chief Minister's office, he continues to receive support from all quarters. He emphasised that Yediyurappa never turned away from challenges. Instead, he confronted them boldly and worked relentlessly for the welfare of the people. The presence of the swamijis, he said, stands as a clear testimony to this. He then appealed to the public, voters, and swamijis across Karnataka to help carry forward the legacy of his father B. S. Yediyurappa and ensure that a stable, people-oriented government is formed in the state. The message was unmistakable—BJP is gearing up for the 2028 Karnataka Assembly elections with renewed vigour and momentum.

Honouring swamijis and unity on one platform

Vijayendra made a point of acknowledging the presence of seers from multiple communities on the stage.

Kota Srinivas Poojari on BSY's political identity

Chikkamagaluru–Udupi MP Kota Srinivas Poojari said that Yediyurappa is a political "brand" in Karnataka. He added that Yediyurappa never entered politics from comfort; instead, he carved his path through relentless struggle both within and beyond the legislative arena. Recalling the early days of the Ram Mandir movement, Poojari said, "Once, B. S. Yediyurappa was on his way to Ayodhya for the struggle. When he was about to board the train, he asked D. H. Shankaramurthy to take care of his family, as he was not sure he would return. That was the level of his dedication to the people of Karnataka."

IN THE WILD

An elephant crosses a road in Dammanakatte forest range at Nagarahole National Park on Monday. Tourists in safari vehicles click pictures of the jumbo | UDAYASHANKAR S

Now JPL to mark 25 years of JDS, Gowda's b'day

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The JDS has hit upon a novel idea to mobilise youngsters to mark 25 years of the party's inception, and also celebrate former PM HD Deve Gowda's birthday.

With IPL the mood of the season, the party is organising the Janata Premier League (JPL) cricket tournament from May 15 to 17 at a ground in Madavara, near NICE Road. Teams from every district are expected to take part -- at least 24 teams, including four from Bengaluru, will be named after their local leaders and will organise youngsters for the party.

JDS youth wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy will inaugurate the tournament and former PM Gowda and Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy will be present, former MLA Krishna Reddy said at a press conference at JP Bhavan here on Monday. Mulbagal MLA Samruddhi Manjunath has made all arrangements, and the cash prize for the winning team will be Rs 5lakh, he added. "Amid two national parties, the JDS completed 25 years and we are celebrating the occasion by attracting the youth," remarked former MLC Ramesh Gowda.

SARAVANA ON MODI'S ADVICE

Saravana, a gold businessman, while defending PM Narendra Modi's advice to people not to buy gold, claimed the PM did not include gold jewellery. "Modi's statement has two meanings as he did not say anything about jewellery. He spoke about capital investment in gold as it will result in unnecessary storage. I welcome Modi's advice as it is has good intentions. Gold is needed for auspicious ceremonies such as weddings and it is our tradition," he stated.

EXPRESS READ

Leopard attack: Forest Dept announces ₹20L compensation

Mysuru: A 10-year-old boy from Bengaluru was killed in a leopard attack near Nagamale at Male Mahadeshwara Hills in Chamarajanagar on Sunday, prompting the Forest Department to announce a compensation package of Rs 20 lakh for the bereaved family. Forest officials said that an initial compensation of Rs 5 lakh has already been handed over to the family. The remaining Rs 15 lakh will be released after the postmortem formalities are completed, as per government rules. In addition, one member of the victim's family will receive a monthly pension of Rs 4,000 for five years. **ENS**

This land records office runs in darkness after HESCOM cuts power

Residents allege that two employees handle the entire workload of the office

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

A government office in Lakshmeshwar has been functioning without electricity for the past eight months, forcing visitors and staff to use mobile phone flashlights to submit and receive documents.

While the state government provides free electricity to households under the Gruha Jyoti scheme, the Land Records and Urban Survey Office in Lakshmeshwar has remained without power after Hubli Electricity Supply Company (HESCOM) disconnected the supply over non-payment of electricity bills. According to officials, the pending electricity bill is around ₹3,000. An official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the power supply was disconnected nearly eight months ago and both the public and office staff have been working in darkness ever since. Lakshmeshwar, a rapidly growing town in Gadag district and now a taluk centre, continues to face basic infrastructure issues at its land records office.

Residents alleged that only two employees are currently handling the entire workload of the office. The office is responsible for several crucial tasks, including land and property measurement, boundary identification, preparation of maps, maintenance of old survey records, issuance of survey numbers and property cards, and measurement of both private and government lands in urban areas. Despite increasing demand, handwritten maps are still being issued from the office. Visitors to the office said there are no computers or proper digital facilities, despite government claims of digitising land records and survey maps.

They alleged that staff members are forced to use their personal mobile phones to check applications and access information related to maps, letters and survey details.

Locals have urged the Deputy Commissioner to visit the office, resolve the electricity issue and improve facilities for the benefit of people in the taluk. Meanwhile, an official from the Department of Land Survey and Land Records in Shirahatti said a staff member from the Lakshmeshwar city survey office had already been sent to the treasury to clear the pending electricity bill and that the power supply would be restored soon.

> **The power supply was disconnected nearly eight months ago and both the public and office staff have been working in darkness ever since** —Official

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the **ARM Branch II, Bangalore of Canara Bank,** the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of will be sold on **30.05.2026 "As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. (₹. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Details and Full Description of the Property	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price & EMD	Incremental value at the Bid
1.	**M/s Nishi Forex & Leisure Pvt Ltd.,** No.536, Ground Floor, Amar Jyothi Layout, Domlur 100 feet Intermediate Ring Road, Bangalore-560071 **(2) Sri.Ramachandra K** S/o Kuppanna, No.936,11th Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560008 **Also at: Sri.Ramachandra K** S/o Kuppanna, No.46, Sorahunase Road, Varthur, Adjacent to Grandeur Park Apartments, Bangalore-560087 **(3) Sri.Arjun A** S/o Sri.Anantha, No.46, Sorahunase, Varthur, Adjacent to Grandeur Park Apartments, Bangalore-560087 **(4) Sri Anatha** S/o Sri.Dodda Thippanna, No.46, Sorahunase, Varthur, Adjacent to Grandeur Park Apartments, Bangalore-560087 **(5) Smt.Aruna A** W/o Sri.Ramachandra K, No.46, Sorahunase, Varthur, Adjacent to Grandeur Park Apartments, Bangalore-560087 **(6) Smt.Renuka** W/o Sri.Anantha, No.46, Sorahunase, Varthur Adjacent to Grandeur Park Apartments, Bangalore-560087	**Rs. 47,49,43,212.24 (Rupees Forty Sevan Crores Forty Nine Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and Twenty Four Paisa Only) plus further interest thereon from 03.05.2026 and other expenses, etc.**	All that piece and parcel of the land and building in Sy.No.57/5 to the extent of 2 Acres and 20 Guntas out of 3 Acres 13 Guntas in Sy.no.57,of Varthur Village,Varthur Hobli,Bengaluru East Taluk belonging to Sri.Arjun A.Out of 2 Acres and 20 Guntas of land,37 Guntas of land has been given for Joint Development with M/s CMRS Infrastructure Pvt Ltd and the balance land(property put for sale) measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 23 Guntas and bounded on: East by : Remaining portion of the land in Sy.No.57/5 (given to M/s CMRS Infrastructure Pvt Ltd for Joint Development), West by: Remaining portion of the Land in Sy.No.57/4, North by : Land in Sy.No.56, South by : Land in Sy.No.58.	**30.05.2026** **01.00 PM to 03.00 PM**	**Reserve Price Rs.16.67** **EMD Rs. 1.67**	**Rs. 1,00,000 Lakh**
			All that piece and parcel of the land property measuring 0 Acres 09 Guntas out of total 3 Acres 19 Guntas, extent 3 Acres 13 Guntas and together with Kharab 0 Acres 06 Guntas in Sy.No.57/1 of Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk belonging to Sri.Anantha and Smt.Renuka, bounded on: East by : Portion of same number fallen to the share of Smt.Aruna A, West by : Rajakaluve, North by : Land of Krishnappa, South by : Land of Jayarama Reddy.		**Reserve Price Rs. 2.42** **EMD Rs.0.24**	
			All that piece and parcel of the land property measuring 0 Acres 08 Guntas out of total 3 Acres 19 Guntas ,extent 3 Acres 13 Guntas and together with Kharab 0 Acres 06 Guntas in Sy.No.57/2 of Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk belonging to Smt.Aruna A, bounded on: East by : Portion of same number fallen to the share of Smt.Archana, West by : Portion of same number fallen to the share of Sri.Anantha & Smt.Renuka, North by : Land of Krishnappa, South by : Land of Jayarama Reddy.		**Reserve Price Rs. 2.15** **EMD Rs.0.22** **on or before 29.05.2026**	

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.**(b)** The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.**(c)** The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. **(d)** EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **(e)** After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **29.05.2026** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. **(i)** Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. **(ii)** Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. **(iii)** Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com.** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest. **(f)** Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs.1,00,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. **(g)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.(h)** For sale proceeds of **Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank. (i)** All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. **(j)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(k)** In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach **Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru,** who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. **(l)** Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. **(m)** After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.

For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 7561062889, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9464534482, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) e-mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 11.05.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

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ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
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DEMAND NOTICE

1. Mr. Gowdappa Gowda Mali Patil S/o. Sharanappa Gowda, 2. Mrs. Sujatha, W/o. Gowdappa Gowda Mali Patil, Both R/o : B-119, 1st Block, 3rd Main, Ayyappa Nagar, Devasandra Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 036. **Also at:** B-1006, 10th Floor, B-Block, RNS Shanthi Nivas, Tumkur Road, Goraguntepalya, Bengaluru - 560 022.

The facility under **Term Loan A/c No. 7137001600040801** for **Rs.90.00 Lakh** was availed by **You No. 1] Mr. Gowdappa Gowda Mali Patil and You No. 2] Mrs. Sujatha are the joint borrowers** The facility is availed for the purpose of Ready Built Flat Property, The said credit facility is availed at our **Shorapur Branch.** Due to irregular in payments the account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on **05.09.2025.** On default, action under SARFAESI Act has been initiated by issuing a detailed Demand Notice under Section 13(2) & (3) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 by the Authorised officer of the Bank on **23.04.2026** to the above mentioned parties by speed post with acknowledgment due. However the same was not served to the above mentioned parties. Hence, we have published the contents of the Demand Notice dated **23.04.2026** by way of this Notice by observing the procedures laid down in the SARFAESI Act 2002. The facility so availed is still outstanding and as on date of issue of Demand Notice the liability due to the Bank in respect of the facility under **Term Loan A/c No. 7137001600040801** is **Rs. 94,07,475.74 (Rupees Ninety Four Lakh Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five and Seventy Four Paise only)** as on **22.04.2026** plus interest at **9.05 % p.a** to be compounded monthly from **07.04.2026** and costs.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTIES (SECURED ASSET): All that part and parcel of the Residential Flat Property Bearing Number B-1006, B Block, 10th floor, RNS Shanthi Nivas, PID Number 2-172-4/6-1006B, Municipal Number 4/6, Tumkur Road, Goraguntepalya, Yeshwantapura, Bengaluru-560022 measuring area of super built up area of 1582.00 sq feet, AND with UDS land 592.00 sq ft together with one covered parking space in the basement.

Please note that I , the Authorised Officer of the secured creditor bank intend to enforce the aforesaid security in the event of failure to discharge your liability in full on or before the expiry of 60 days from the date of this publication of the contents of the aforesaid demand notice. Further, your attention is drawn to the provision of Section 13(8) of the Act, wherein the time for redemption of mortgage is available only upto the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting tenders.

Place : Mangaluru
Date : 11.05.2026

Sd/- For Karnataka Bank,
Chief Manager & Aurhorised Officer

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Ayanur Sub Division, Shivamogga
ACF/Tender/CAMPA/CR-3/2025-26/3 Date: 04.05.2026

Short-Term e-Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Tenders are invited for the year 2026-27 under the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 2000 for the execution of the works mentioned in the Annexure, namely Advance Pot and Plantation (Sapling) Formation (including sapling cultivation work) and Plantation Maintenance in the forest areas falling within the jurisdiction of various forest zones of Shivamogga Regional Forest Division under the account head CAMPA. Short-term tenders are invited through the e-procurement portal from interested forest contractors who have experience in carrying out preliminary works and tendered works and have the necessary facilities to grow saplings in the plantation area within the scope of the work. The last date for submission of tenders for the said works is 16.05.2026 up to 4.00 PM. For further information, this office may be contacted during office hours. Also, details regarding the tender can be obtained through the official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ayanur Sub Division, Shivamogga

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: CEE/Tr(Op)Z/KLB/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2026-27/ 1568,1594,1613,1621 & 1637 Date: 07.05.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites bids from the eligible bidders for the following works **On Partial Turnkey Basis.**
Bid Enquiry No: (1) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/Chiksugur Date: 11.05.2026 for Replacement of 1X10MVA, 110/11kV transformers by 1X20MVA, 110/11kV transformers at 110/33/11 kV Chiksugur sub-station in Raichur Taluk & District. **(2) KPTCL/2026-27/SS/Googal Date:11.05.2026** for Providing additional 110/11kV, 1x10 MVA Power Transformer at existing 110/11kV Googal sub-station in Devadurga Taluk in Raichur District. **(3) KPTCL/2026-27/SS/Gabbur Date: 11.05.2026** for Providing additional 110/33/11kV, 1x10 MVA Power Transformer at existing 110/11kV Gabbur sub-station in Devadurga Taluk in Raichur District. **(4) KPTCL/2026-27/SS/Maliyabad Date:12.05.2026 Call-3** for Replacement of 2x10MVA 110/11kV Transformers by 2x20MVA 110/11kV Transformers & providing additional switchgear at 110kV Maliyabad sub-station in Raichur Taluk, Raichur District. All above works including Supply of all Materials/ Equipments (Excluding supply 10 MVA/20 MVA power transformers and 11kV Switchgear) and Erection (including dismantling & Civil Works) of all Materials/Equipments, Testing and Commissioning.

(5) KPTCL/2026-27/Earthmat/Konkal Call-2 Date: 14.05.2026 for Construction of revised earth mat design and connecting all the equipment's to newly designed earthmat at 110/11kV sub-station Konkal.
The detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on or after **11.05.2026** for Sl.No. 1,2 & 3, **12.05.2026** for Sl.No. 4, **14.05.2026** for Sl.No. 5 to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper Link 'E Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Ele), Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

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Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy said the law would take its own course in the POCSO case registered against Bandi Sai Bhageerath, son of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar. He said that a senior woman IPS officer would be asked to probe the case

AIADMK HEADS FOR 'SPLIT' IN TN ASSEMBLY

One group supports Palaniswami while other backs former mins S P Velumani & C Ve Shanmugam; TVK govt will face floor test today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

THE AIADMK might be headed for a split with its newly-sworn-in MLAs divided on the election of its leader for the legislature party. One group supports party general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami while another is backing former ministers S P Velumani and C Ve Shanmugam, with both sides submitting separate letters to Pro-Tem Speaker M V Karuppaiah on Monday. A clear picture of which faction prevails may become clearer on Tuesday when the new TVK government will face a floor-test and the speaker and deputy speaker of the House will be elected.

After the Assembly session for newly-elected members to take the oath concluded on Monday, a group of 17 MLAs called on the pro-tem speaker and submitted a letter informing them of the election of Palaniswami as the leader of the legislature party. After five hours, an AIADMK release said the letter contained details about the MLAs elected to the posts of deputy leader, whip, deputy whip, treasurer, secretary, and deputy secretary of the AIADMK legislature party.

Although only 17 MLAs submitted the letter, one supporter of Palaniswami told TNIE that 27 MLAs backed Palaniswami's election. The AIADMK headquarters released a photo showing Palaniswami chairing a meeting of 22 MLAs and claimed that five more MLAs had added their support for his election. Asked about speculations that the AIADMK is splitting again, Palaniswami at the secretariat simply said, "It is wrong information." The MLAs supporting Palaniswami include O S Manian, Thalavai N Sundaram, K C Karuppanan, Maragatham Kumaravel and Agri S S Krishnamurthy.

AIADMK chief Edappadi K Palaniswami (left) and other party heads, including SP Velumani (right), arrive at Fort St George to take oath as MLAs on Monday | P JAWAHAR

However, around 6.15 pm, the group of MLAs supporting Velumani and Shanmugam met the pro-tem speaker and submitted a letter written by Velumani, stating that he was elected the leader of the legislature party by a 'majority' of the newly-elected MLAs at a meeting held on May 9. The letter said former minister C Vijaya Baskar has been elected as the whip of the AIADMK legislature party at another meeting held on May 10, and that other office-bearers have also been elected by a majority of the members.

However, C Ve Shanmugam, who was part of the delegation which met the pro-tem speaker, declined to divulge the details to reporters. "You have waited all this time. Please wait for some more time. Everything will be clear," Shanmugam said.

TN CM C Joseph Vijay taking oath as a legislator in the Assembly on Monday | EXPRESS

Changing tyre turns deadly, siblings killed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Palakkad

A family trip to Bengaluru ended in tragedy for two families from Palakkad after a brother and sister were killed in a horrific road accident in Tamil Nadu's Krishnagiri on Monday. The deceased were identified as **Divya**, 30, wife of **Vineeth** of Thekkettil House at Karimpulli near Pattambi, and her younger brother Deepu, 28, a native of Panamanna near Ottapalam.

The family was returning to Kerala after a vacation when their multi-utility vehicle developed a puncture on the national highway. As the vehicle was stopped by the roadside and the tyre was being changed, a speeding lorry rammed into them from behind around 2.30 am. Divya and Deepu suffered severe injuries and heavy internal bleeding and were declared dead on arrival at a nearby hospital, leaving the family shattered. Vineeth's mother Sarojini sustained critical injuries and remains on ventilator support, while Vineeth suffered serious injuries to his legs. Karimpulli ward member Yamuna Devi K said the entire family had travelled together for the trip.

"There were nine people in the vehicle, including Vineeth, his mother Sarojini, Divya, her parents Raveendran and Sreeparvathi, her siblings Deepu and Remya, and Vineeth-Divya couple's children Akhildev and Abhindev," she said.

Five die as Hayabusa rams car in Telangana

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

Five persons, including two children, were killed after a high-speed sports bike rammed into a car taking a U-turn on the bypass road at Palakonda Junction in Mahbubnagar late on Sunday.Three occupants of the car — Arshiya (28), 18-month-old Amer and 10-year-old Huzaifa — died on the spot. The two bike riders, identified as Avez and Yakub, also succumbed to injuries.

According to police, a family from Prem Nagar in Mahabubnagar was returning home after attending a function when the accident occurred. The car was attempting a U-turn when a speeding Suzuki Hayabusa, allegedly travelling at around 180 kmph, crashed into it from behind. The impact severely damaged the left side of the car and the bike. Locals said the pillion rider was thrown nearly 10 metres away from the accident site. Police shifted the injured to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Locals said around 12 to 15 sports bikes were travelling together towards Hyderabad after attending a function.

PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE

New CDS is still a student at heart

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THE pursuit of knowledge has no finish line, says an o ld adage. For Lieutenant General **NS Raja Subramani** (retd.), recently appointed as India's new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), this is not merely a proverb but a practised reality. Even as he prepares to shoulder one of the nation's most formidable military responsibilities, the decorated officer continues on the disciplined path of a student, advancing his doctoral research at Andhra University (AU) in Visakhapatnam.

Enrolled in the university's Trans-Disciplinary Research Hub (TDR Hub) in 2023, the newly appointed CDS is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the Department of Commerce and Management Studies under the supervision of Professor Jaladi Ravi.

University officials described him as approachable and deeply interested in learning despite his seniority and achievements. "Despite his stature and achievements, he engages with research with sincerity and curiosity. He comes across as someone who genuinely values learning," officials maintained.

Born on July 21, 1965, Lieutenant General Raja Subramani, an alumnus of the 67th course of the National Defence Academy and the 77th course of the Indian Military Academy, has pursued higher studies throughout his career. He attended the Joint Services Command and Staff College and the National Defence College, later earning a Master of Arts degree from the University of London after studying at King's College London. He also holds an M.Phil. in Defence Studies from the University of Madras. He was commissioned into the 8th Battalion of the Garhwal Rifles on December 14, 1985. Over a career spanning more than four decades, he has held a wide range of command, staff and instructional assignments across different operational environments.

Lieutenant General Raja Subramani has been serving as Military Adviser at the National Security Council Secretariat since September 1, 2025.

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No: SHAR: CMG CIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-02/26-27 **Dt: 11.05.2026**

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for following works;

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External painting of C2/D/E/E7 type quarters at PNN colony and D2/E/E7 type Quarters at PCN colony, Sullurpeta (Balance Works).	T/C-26-004	₹ 113.49 Lakhs
Internal painting of 150 Nos of re-allotted quarters at SMN, PNN Colony at Sullurpeta.	T/C-26-005	₹ 37.53 Lakhs

Tender documents can be downloaded up to **20.05.2026**, **14:30** hrs. For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website **https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html** and tender free view at **https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro**

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11001/46/2627: Applications in online mode are invited from eligible Indian Citizens as per UGC eligibility criteria (UGC Notification No. F.1-2/2017(EC/PS), New Delhi 18th July, 2018) to fill up the **Regular Faculty Positions** of **Professor(14)/ Associate Professor(32)** and Assistant Professor(64) in the following departments of this university.

Faculty Positions and Number of Vacancies

		Professor [Pay Level-14 as per 7th CPC]					Associate Professor [Pay Level-13 A as per 7th CPC]					Assistant Professor [Pav Level-10 as per 7th CPC]				
SL No	Name of the Department/ Subject	Total No. of Posts	UR	ST	SC	SEBC	Total No. of Posts	UR	ST	SC	SEBC	Total No. of Posts	UR	ST	SC	SEBC
1	Anthropology						1	1				2	1	1		
2	Botany	1	1				2	1	1			4	2		1	1
3	Chemistry	1		1			2	1		1		4	2	1	1	
4	Commerce	1	1				2	1			1	4	2	1		1
5	Economics	1			1		2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
6	Education						1			1		2	1	1		
7	English	1	1				2	1	1			4	2		1	1
8	Geography						1	1				2	1	1		
9	History	1				1	2	1			1	4	2	1	1	
10	Home Science	1	1				2	1	1			4	2	1		1
11	Mathematics	1		1			2	1		1		4	2	1	1	
12	Odia	1	1				2	1	1			4	2		1	1
13	Philosophy	1			1		2	1		1		4	2	1	1	
14	Physics	1	1				2	1			1	4	2	1		1
15	Political Science	1		1			2	1	1			4	2	1	1	
16	Sociology	1	1				2	1		1		4	2	1		1
17	Statistics						1		1			2	1		1	
18	Zoology	1				1	2	1			1	4	2	2		
	TOTAL	**14**	**7**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**32**	**16**	**7**	**5**	**4**	**64**	**32**	**15**	**10**	**7**

NB: "Reservation" of Posts @ 33% for Women, 4% for PwD and 1% for the Sports Persons shall be filled up on merit as per the prescribed principles and guidelines of the Govt. of Odisha.

General terms, Essential Qualifications and condition for recruitment of the Teaching Posts.

1. The University is governed by the rules and regulations of Govt. of Odisha in respect of the age of superannuation and reservation.
2. Appointment to the posts will be made as per the University Act and Statute. Pay and other allowance as applicable to faculty members will be admissible as sanctioned by the Government of Odisha from time to time.
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5. All other conditions shall be mutatis mutandis as per the Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha

The filled in application, should be submitted Online in the HIMS portal- on the link **https://himsrecruitment.odisha.gov.in/** available from **12.05.2026** onwards, complete in all respect along with supporting documents by **10.06.2026** 11:59PM and signed printout of the downloaded application with all the certificates, mark sheets documents should be sent only through **Registered/ Speed Post** to **The Registrar, Vikram Dev University, Jeypore, Dist- Koraput, Odisha, PIN- 764001** so as to reach on or before **20.06.2026** by 5.00 P.M.

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2	ST/ SC/ PwD and Women	1000.00

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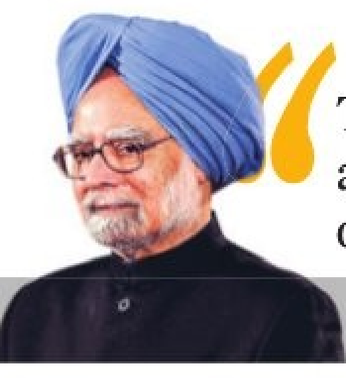

The BRICS grouping was not born out of a crisis. It was an act of long-term faith in our people and in our economies

Manmohan Singh

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— **Ramnath Goenka**

COMMAND CHANGES REFLECT NEED TO PREPARE FOR NEXT MILITARY PHASE

INDIA'S latest top military appointments are more than just a routine change of guard. They reflect a strategic recognition in New Delhi that the country's security environment is becoming simultaneously more contested, technology-driven and interconnected across the land, sea, cyber and space domains. Lieutenant General N S Raja Subramani (Retired), appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff, and Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, named the next Chief of the Naval Staff, take charge at a time when India is recalibrating for a new period of military competition in its neighbourhood and beyond.

The challenge is no longer defined simply by unresolved borders with China or periodic crises with Pakistan. Indian planners are increasingly grappling with a more layered reality—sustained Chinese military modernisation, deeper Beijing-Islamabad strategic alignment, expanding Chinese presence in the Indian Ocean region and the growing possibility that future conflicts could involve military, technological and information pressures at the same time. The wars in Ukraine and West Asia have reinforced the importance of integrated command structures, real-time surveillance, electronic warfare, logistics resilience and long-range precision capability. India is seeking faster reforms in these areas.

For the new CDS, the immediate test will be whether long-pending theatre command reforms finally move from institutional negotiation to implementation. The restructuring, intended to integrate army, navy and air force assets under unified operational commands, is vital to India's effort at building credible joint fighting capabilities for a potential multi-front contingency. Subramani's operational background aligns closely with that mandate. His experience spans both the Line of Actual Control with China and strike formations focused on Pakistan, with his recent role at the National Security Council Secretariat exposing him to the increasingly important intersection of military planning, strategic technology, intelligence and national security policy.

Swaminathan's elevation comes at a time when the navy's strategic relevance is expanding. As maritime competition intensifies across the Indian Ocean, the focus is shifting beyond conventional sea control towards integrated surveillance, carrier battle groups, underwater capability and network-centric operations. His background in communications and electronic warfare reflects that transition.

The broader expectation from the new leadership will be to translate years of strategic intent into measurable operational change through faster integration across the services, deeper technological adaptation and more agile decision-making. As India confronts an increasingly complex environment, the focus is likely to shift from incremental reforms to building a military architecture better aligned with the demands of multi-domain, technology-intensive warfare.

FIX ACCOUNTABILITY FOR MOB LYNCHING IN ODISHA

THE lynching of a railway police constable by a mob on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar has brought severe disrepute to the Mohan Majhi government. Occurring soon after the deeply disturbing 'proof of death' walk by a man who felt distressed enough to carry his dead sister's skeletal remains to a bank, the latest incident deals a double blow for Odisha's BJP government. Widely-circulated images of the frenzied crowd's barbaric act, including those of the policeman hung from a pole, indicated that all was not well with the state's law and order.

The mob captured the constable following allegations of sexual assault on two women. The abominable act that followed played out in the presence of other police personnel. He was beaten to a pulp and then carried on a pick-up van to a hospital, where he was declared dead. When the incident was first reported as a road mishap, the police control room sent a small team that could only watch the situation spiral out of control. Senior IPS officers did not turn up even hours after the incident. An angry Majhi later hauled the police top brass over the coals and handed the probe to the crime branch. However, the suspension of four cops and removal of two home guards is a knee-jerk reaction for an incident that requires a deeper reckoning.

It must not be lost on the Majhi government that mob-lynching is an extremely grave issue across India and the country's new criminal laws devote a separate provision for it. While many other states have grappled with the rise of such brutal violence, it was largely absent in Odisha. But in recent months, similar acts have been reported from Balasore and Sambalpur districts, too. Sweeping them under the carpet will make matters worse and eventually blow up in the face of the administration. Stringent action is needed to curb the menace. In the latest case, however, the fault clearly lies with the senior police administration, whose lack of empathy and alacrity aggravated the outcome. Finding scapegoats will not serve the purpose. The state government must fix accountability and it must start from the top.

QUICK TAKE

BOOST ORANGE ECONOMY

LAST weekend, India registered as one of the 99 countries represented at the world's most-watched art show, the Venice Biennale. Themed 'Geographies of Distance: Remembering Home', the works curated by former Christie's director Amin Jaffer include Sumakshi Singh's ethereal broken house of embroidered textiles and Asim Waqif's imposing bamboo installation reflecting changing cityscapes. Like India's earlier appearances at the biennale, this pavilion was made possible in a public-private partnership. Given the success of such partnerships at the Kochi-Muziris Biennale, whose sixth edition closed this March, India must consider reviving its triennale, which ran under the Lalit Kala Akademi's auspices from 1968 to 2005. If it avoids the earlier pitfalls of political interference and half-hearted funding, it can spur India's orange economy in remarkable ways.

The bloc was set up to provide a meaningful alternative to the G7-led world order. As its current president, India needs greater clarity on its stance to champion the Global South's causes

HOW BRICS CAN PROVIDE MORTAR FOR A NEW ORDER

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INDIA'S foreign policy finds itself at a historical and strategic crossroads, navigating a geopolitical landscape far more complex than the binary choices of the 20th century. On one hand, New Delhi is a linchpin of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or Quad, deeply entwined with a Western-aligned security architecture intended to ensure a "free and open Indo-Pacific". On the other hand, India currently holds the 2026 BRICS presidency.

This bloc has spent two decades evolving from a Wall Street acronym into the most formidable institutional voice of the Global South. This dual identity—strategic partner to the West and champion of the developing world—is being tested like never before. As the 2026 BRICS presidency unfolds, the friction between these two roles is no longer a matter of abstract diplomatic theory; it is manifesting in missed joint statements, aggressive tariff threats from Washington and a fundamental disagreement over the future of the global financial order. For India, the challenge is no longer just about 'multi-alignment'; it is about whether it can lead a fractured Global South.

The journey to this moment began on November 30, 2001. In the sombre immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, Jim O'Neill of Goldman Sachs published a seminal paper titled '*Building better global economic BRICs*'. He argued that the G7 structure was an anachronism that failed to account for tectonic shifts in global productivity. O'Neill pointed out that, in terms of purchasing power parity, Brazil, Russia, India and China accounted for almost a quarter of global GDP. His thesis was simple: the world's economic governance was incomplete without these emerging giants.

O'Neill was a banker, not a diplomat, and he viewed these nations through the lens of growth potential. Interestingly, he predicted India's initial hesitation, noting it might be the "least eager" to join a formal club. He sensed that New Delhi might view collective obligations as an unwelcome constraint on its domestic policy or its ability to provide independent advice based on its unique developmental trajectory.

The transition from an economic concept to a political reality occurred in September 2006 on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. India was represented by Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee standing in for Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The resulting joint statement was a shot across the bow of the post-WWII order, asserting that in a shifting global scenario, "economic weight must equal political power".

While Brazil and China were eager to frame the group as a counter-hegemonic force, India's approach was more nuanced. New Delhi stressed that this new formation was "complementary" to existing structures, and did not envisage it as a replacement. This middle path has been the hallmark of Indian diplomacy for decades. Yet, the 2008 global financial crisis eventually forced a more assertive stance.

By the first formal summit in Russia's Yekaterinburg on June 16, 2009, the tone had shifted. The 'Great Recession' had exposed the fragility of Western financial dominance and the risks of a unipolar economic world. Prime Minister Singh, usually a soft-spoken economist, firmly advocated a multipolar vision and an end to G7-centric governance. He famously remarked that the global economic crisis had shown that the existing structures of international governance needed reform to ensure that the developing world's voice was heard.

What was once a four-nation club became BRICS in 2010 with the inclusion of South Africa. However, the true transformation occurred in the mid-2020s. In 2024, the bloc underwent a massive expansion, adding Egypt, the UAE, Ethiopia, Iran and Saudi Arabia. By 2025, Indonesia was added as a full member, coupled with partner country status for 10 countries including Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand and Vietnam, ensuring that BRICS controlled a staggering share of the world's energy resources and maritime trade routes.

On the economic side, too, there has been significant activity. The bloc's New Development Bank has approved infrastructure projects valued at about $43 billion, providing an alternative to the IMF's often-stringent conditions. Meanwhile, the Contingent Reserve Arrangement, a $100-billion safety net, protects members from balance-of-payments crises. Most significantly, the launch of 'BRICS Pay' in 2026 has facilitated trade in local currencies, bypassing the US dollar and SWIFT network. The countries now share data from remote-sensing satellites and a vaccine R&D centre has been established to ensure medical sovereignty. A new BRICS Startup Forum enables entrepreneurs to access capital more easily. Instead of being an add-on to the G7, the group committed itself to "a just and democratic world order" in its 2024 Kazan Declaration.

This rise has met resistance from the US. Donald Trump perceives BRICS as a direct threat to his status as the unchallenged leader of the globe. In July 2025, he dismissed the group as "fading out", but by October, he shifted to explicit economic warfare. He declared BRICS an "attack on the dollar" and threatened 100 percent tariffs on any nation that dared to move away from the greenback. However, his 'tariff-first' diplomacy hit a roadblock when the US Supreme Court intervened to limit executive overreach. Furthermore, his attempt to isolate Iran backfired as Tehran demonstrated economic and military resilience, and the American public showed little appetite for another conflict.

India took over the BRICS presidency in December 2025. Unlike the more than ₹4,000 crore that India is estimated to have spent on the G20 carnival in 2023, the ongoing presidency has been low-key. Our term follows a strong Brazilian presidency. Despite Trump's clamour, the Rio de Janeiro Declaration of July 2025 unanimously condemned the US and Israeli attack on Iran, warning that unilateral actions dismantle the foundations of international law.

The current presidency has not started well. The deputy foreign ministers' meeting on West Asia and North Africa on April 23-24 ended without a joint statement. Iran and the UAE were reportedly at loggerheads. India tried to soften the language, removing references to East Jerusalem as the Palestinian capital and using the term "occupying power" for Israel; but Iran wanted a stronger stance.

If such differences are not bridged at the foreign ministers' meeting later this week, the September summit may prove difficult. India may have to choose a direction—either remain with the South, as has been the tradition, or align more closely with the West. Otherwise, things can fall between the two stools.

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INDIA INC'S ROLE IN VISION 2047

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THE world economy is being reshaped by a confluence of unprecedented disruptions—geopolitical realignments, technological acceleration and climate transition. These disruptions are not just a source of uncertainty; they are also a catalyst for reinvention as they re-organise the global economy. Supply chains are being redesigned, industries are being reimagined and new centres of innovation are emerging. It is in this environment that India needs to achieve its ambition of becoming a developed nation.

Industry has a critical role in catalysing this ambition—as a builder of capabilities, driver of innovation and a value creator. The decisions businesses make today—on manufacturing, technology, energy and talent—will shape not just enterprise success, but the trajectory of India's future. It is in this context that CII's Vision for India@100 assumes significance.

Developed through engagement with more than 10,000 stakeholders, it represents a multi-stakeholder roadmap for India's journey to becoming a developed nation by 2047. The theme of the CII Annual Business Summit 2026—The Future | Global Economy, Industry, Society—places this vision within the context of a rapidly changing world, with industry at the centre of translating ambition into action.

India is expected to remain the fastest growing major economy, and as per IMF estimates, its growth is expected to be more than twice the global average in the near future. It is seen as a trusted partner—able to engage across regions, build bridges and offer stability amidst uncertainty. This gives India a unique vantage point to shape global conversations on trade, technology, climate and development.

India's experience in building inclusive digital ecosystems at scale demonstrates how innovation can serve society and simultaneously enable a rapidly growing digital economy. Together, these strengths point to a clear shift—India is not only participating in global systems but actively helping redesign them.

The global economic order itself is undergoing a structural shift. Trade and investment flows are increasingly shaped by resilience, trust and strategic alignment, rather than cost efficiencies alone. Industrial policy has re-emerged as governments seek to shape economic outcomes more directly.

In this environment, competitiveness must be built across multiple dimensions—manufacturing strength, technological depth, sustainability and institutional capability. Nations need to balance self-reliance with global integration, strengthening domestic capacities while remaining deeply engaged with the world. This balance lies at the core of India's path forward, which rests on five strategic capabilities.

First is building manufacturing scale and strategic depth. The renewed global emphasis on industrial policy highlights the importance of targeted capability-building. Industry will play a decisive role in this transformation—by investing in advanced manufacturing, strengthening supply-chain resilience and leveraging free trade pacts, and driving innovation to position India as a competitive manufacturing hub.

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If India is to be a developed nation by the centenary of its independence, companies need to align their strategies with national priorities. At a time industries are being reimagined, the effort must include shaping skilling ecosystems and ensuring technological leadership

Second is the imperative of technology leadership. In an increasingly innovation-driven economy, technological capability will be central to productivity, competitiveness and strategic influence. Today, artificial intelligence, digital platforms and advanced manufacturing are becoming foundational to growth. Sustaining India's momentum in this space will require higher research and development investment, stronger industry-academia collaboration and a continued focus on building globally competitive products and platforms.

Third is ensuring energy security while advancing the green transition. Reliable, affordable and diversified energy is fundamental to sustaining growth and industrial expansion. India has demonstrated strong leadership in scaling renewable energy and advancing emerging pathways such as green hydrogen.

Sustainability is increasingly becoming a source of competitive advantage—driving innovation, attracting investment and enabling future-ready industries. Industry is central to this shift—accelerating clean energy adoption, improving efficiency and embedding sustainability into core business strategies, positioning India as a leader in the global transition to a low-carbon economy.

Fourth is strengthening institutions, capital and execution capabilities. India's ability to deliver at scale has been a defining advantage, reflected in its progress in infrastructure, digital systems and policy reforms. To sustain this momentum, industry must play a critical role in catalysing investment, partnering in implementation and driving efficiency and innovation.

Fifth is advancing human capital and inclusive growth. India's demographic strength presents a historic opportunity to build a productive, skilled and innovation-driven workforce. Realising this potential requires aligning education and skilling systems with evolving economic needs.

Industry can play a pivotal role by shaping skilling ecosystems, creating quality jobs and fostering entrepreneurship—ensuring that growth is broad-based and that every citizen can participate in and benefit from India's development journey.

Clearly, industry must be a co-architect of India's development. The alignment of corporate strategies with national priorities is critical to translating the vision of becoming a developed nation into reality. CII will continue to act as a bridge between the two, fostering collaboration, alignment and sustained collective progress.

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Risky manoeuvres

Ref: *Tamil Nadu turns the page* (May 11). The conclusion of the swearing-in ceremony should not signal the end of the debate surrounding gubernatorial powers. The delay in inviting the single largest party, and the imposition of a narrow 72-hour window for a floor test were manoeuvres that risked political horse-trading and instability.

L S Hareesh, Chennai

Priority politics

Ref: *Borderlands and the ballot box* (May 11). Recent elections have shown how regional identity and public priorities continue to shape national politics. The article presents a balanced discussion on democracy, development, secularism and leadership.

A C Vineeth Kumar, Thrissur

Divine interventions

Ref: *The messenger sage* (May 11). Though Narada Muni's methods earned him the sobriquet of 'mischief maker', the Tamil proverb "*Naradar kalagam Nanmaiyil mudiyum*" (Narada's disruption always end in good) aptly describes his role in conflict resolution and establishing the path of righteousness through divine solutions.

Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Advancing research

Ref: *Huntington's as a rare disease* (May 11). Huntington's chorea is one of the rarest diseases of neurology. In my 48 years of practice as a general physician, I have come across only very limited cases. Although it remains a distant dream, declaring it a rare disease will prompt advanced research towards a possible cure.

Dr S Shanmugam, Tirunelveli

Frontier villages

Ref: *Naga bodies write to Centre* (May 11). For decades, the residents of Naga border villages have acted as the 'eyes and ears' of our national security apparatus. When a frontier village feels abandoned or unsafe, the buffer between the state and external threats thins dangerously. The Centre must recognise that "vibrant villages" shouldn't just be policy but a strategic imperative.

V K S Krishnan, email

Leadership call

Ref: *High command tilts towards KC* (May 11). This is a mockery of the electorate and democracy. Any further delay will adversely affect the good faith and image of the front. Leaders must come to a compromise to form the government as soon as possible.

D Krishnan, Kochi

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Priyanka Chaturvedi @priyankac19
Policy failure to handle the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, Election related decisions cannot now be dumped at the door of the citizens.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
This kind of appeal will only spread fear along with panic, unease, and despair in trade, business, and the markets, due to apprehensions of recession.

Sambit Patra @sambitswaraj
The use of indecent and condemnable words by SP MP Ajeendra Singh Lodhi for Prime Minister Modi Ji is extremely shameful.

BJP, Oppn in war of words over Modi's austerity call

Rahul says 'evidence of failure', Chouhan says appeal in nat'l interest

PREETHA NAIR AND RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

OPPOSITION parties, including the Congress, Samajwadi Party, the Left, and AAP, criciticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his remarks calling on citizens to take measures to overcome the challenges posed by the West Asia conflict, claiming that the PM is no longer capable of running the country.

"Yesterday, Modi Ji called upon the public to make sacrifices—do not buy gold, do not travel abroad, consume less petrol, cut down on fertilisers and cooking oil, take the Metro, and work from home," Gandhi said in an X post. "These are not words of counsel; they are evidence of failure," Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said.

The BJP hit back. Countering Rahul Gandhi, Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said Modi's appeal for austerity was in the larger national interest and urged people to follow the PM's advice in view of the emerging global situation. "The Prime Minister is a national leader who carries the nation in his heart. He is farsighted. We saw this during the Covid-19 period as well. It was because of his visionary leadership that our country overcame the crisis," he said.

CPM general secretary M A Baby said the Sri Lankan government had implemented such measures before the collapse of its economy. He asked whether the PM would follow his own advice and avoid foreign travel. SP chief Akhilesh Yadav alleged that the BJP government had failed in handling the economy and foreign policy. He said, "As soon as elections are over, government suddenly remembered the 'crisis'. In reality, there is only one crisis for the country, and its name is BJP," he said.

Stepping up attack on Gandhi, BJP IT cell chief Amit Malviya said Modi had not asked people to make sacrifices, but urged them to make conscious choices in the national interest, such as conserving energy. "But this is precisely the Congress' problem. Any call for public participation in the national interest sounds like 'preaching' to them," Malviya said.

Maha govt asks employees to take up austerity measures

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to follow austerity measures amid the economic crisis, Maharashtra's cultural minister and Ashish Shelar, took three major steps in that direction. BJP minister Shelar said that he will ask his department to use EV vehicles. He said that this year, his department has decided not to visit the Cannes Film Festival in France to cut down on foreign travel. He added that many more such austerity measures will be taken in the country's interest.

Strait of Hormuz crisis triggers fertiliser squeeze ahead of Kharif season

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

INDIA is heading into the Kharif sowing season under mounting fertiliser pressure after the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz since February 2026 severely disrupted global supply chains for urea, DAP, ammonia, sulphur and LNG, key inputs for domestic fertiliser production.

The disruption has pushed up import costs sharply, with urea prices nearly doubling from about $510 per tonne in early 2026 to around $950 per tonne by April. Domestic production has also weakened, falling to around 1.5 million tonnes per month as LNG shortages have constrained fertiliser plants. Against a Kharif requirement of 19.4 million tonnes of urea, current stocks stand at 76.65 lakh metric tonnes (LMT). Total fertiliser stocks across categories are 199.65 LMT, higher than 178.58 LMT in May 2025, but still insufficient against projected demand, shows government data

The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has assessed total Kharif fertiliser requirement at 390.54 LMT, meaning existing stocks cover only about 51% of demand at present. India's fertiliser dependency remains structurally high. The country consumes about 70.7 million metric tonnes annually, importing 20% of urea, 50% of DAP and 100% of muriate of potash (MOP). Compounding this, nearly 85% of natural gas used for urea production is imported, and around 60% of that supply flows through the Strait of Hormuz, raising effective import exposure of the sector to nearly 68–70%.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday chaired the fifth meeting of the Informal Group of Ministers (IGoM) on West Asia, stressing the need to ensure uninterrupted energy flows, secure maritime trade routes and maintain economic stability. He also called for institutionalising fuel efficiency and responsible consumption across ministries and states. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also urged farmers to reduce chemical fertiliser use by 50% and shift towards natural farming, alongside greater adoption of solar-powered irrigation instead of diesel pumps, though the appeal remains advisory. On the policy front, the government has moved emergency urea imports through Indian Potash Limited for 2.5 million tonnes. However, buffer stocks of 30–45 days are seen as inadequate for a disruption.

'VOTER TURNOUT RISE NOT DRAMATIC IN ABSOLUTE TERMS'

FORMER Chief Election Commissioner **O P Rawat** reflects on the recently concluded Assembly elections to explore what may be driving the rise in voter participation, whether it signals a shift in awareness, is shaped by state-specific political dynamics or is influenced by decisions of roll revisions. In an interview with **Mukesh Ranjan**, he also examines the interplay between voter mobilisation, political campaigning and public trust in the electoral system, while cautioning against drawing simplistic conclusions from percentage-based turnout increases alone. **Excerpts:**

How do you see the high turnout in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu elections?
Given the past records, the participation of electorates is not enormously high to have a sense of surprise. With every election for the past few rounds the number of turnout has been increasing steadily. This time too it has increased to a new record. In Bengal the increase is 7% and in TN by around 6% from the previous elections.

Do you think the surge in participation reflected a shift in voter awareness and engagement or is it a result of state-specific political dynamics?
Both voters' awareness and state-specific political dynamics have been changing with every round of elections. But this time the high number of deletion of names from the electoral rolls after the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) became a matter of concern, as for the Election Commission's core motto that 'no eligible voter should be left out' appears to have taken a back seat. To conduct such an exercise on the eve of elections can never be advisable. This, to some extent led all political parties to agitate against it and in the process a sense prevailed among voters to come out and vote.

How significant is the role of EC's initiatives like awareness campaigns and accessibility measures in contributing to turnout?
Instead of running an awareness campaign, the EC indulged in conducting the SIR, which led to controversy. People found it difficult to get them enrolled in the electoral rolls, thus a number of deletions happened, which reduced the voters' base in almost all the constituencies.

To what extent do competitive political narratives and high-stakes campaigning influence voter mobilisation in states like Bengal and TN?
I do not find no difference in the campaign pitch by the parties. It was usual as we had witnessed in earlier elections. Given the stakes in the elections, it has always been normal for political parties to go whole hog with high-decibel competitive campaign pitch.

Could this trend of high turnout indicate growing public trust in the electoral process or might it also signal heightened political polarisation?
To my mind the trust quotient among the voters for the EC this time appears to be less, as people faced difficulty during the SIR exercise. Political polarisation during the election time is quite normal as people tend to take sides. There has been no difference this time.

Many believe the turnout trend mostly followed SIR. What have you to say?
Even in my earlier answers I was indicative of this only. Yes, this must have aroused the feeling in people to go and aggressively vote, particularly the middle class, who generally tend to show apathy towards the electoral process.

Do you think reduction in the total voters' base has something to do with the surge in percentage?
Yes, the percentage increase has to do with the reduced voters' base. If the EC gives the absolute numbers of actual votes cast, then one can see the actual increase. My gut feeling is that there could not be much increase if we compare the absolute number of this round of voting with that of the previous one.

What are the challenges before poll authorities when turnout is high?
Through natural course 6-7% increase can be seen. The deployment of the Central forces was huge (nearly five time more than the previous election) in Bengal. This might have enhanced confidence among people to come out to vote with a sense of security.

Do you expect this momentum to continue in future elections across India?
It will depend on how the controversies played out around the SIR, as the EC has decided to conduct the exercise in every state and UT before assembly polls are conducted in each of their jurisdictions.

Verbatim

Tejas Mk-1A induction in limbo as key HAL-IAF review meeting delayed

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

A critical programme review between Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and the Indian Air Force (IAF) on the delayed Tejas Mk-1A fighter jet programme, scheduled between late April and early May, did not take place, sources in the defence establishment said.

The review meeting, first reported by this newspaper, was expected to bring together senior HAL and IAF officials in New Delhi to assess progress on key operational benchmarks required before the aircraft can be cleared for induction into service. The discussions were also expected to finalise revised delivery timelines for the programme, which is already running more than two years behind schedule.

However, sources said the review itself was dependent on HAL updating the IAF on progress made in resolving pending technical and certification issues, which has not yet happened. "The review was expected to be decisive, with HAL expected to present progress on the mandatory operational requirements. With the meeting itself now delayed, further slippages are likely, including in the plan to induct the first fighter within the next two months," a source said.

The pending benchmarks include completion of missile firing trials, integration of the AESA radar with the electronic warfare suite, and full validation of the aircraft's weapons package.

According to sources, the IAF is now seeking clarity on a firm induction timeline for the first aircraft. "We have granted certain exemptions from contractual obligations, and if the mandatory requirements are met, we would take the first fighter as soon as possible," a source said.

Behind schedule

HAL had projected March 2026 as the delivery timeline, after previously missing its October 2025 target for handing over the first two jets. The programme has faced delays due to disruptions in the supply of GE F404 engines from the US, while integration and certification of the Israeli EL/M-2052 AESA radar have also added to timeline pressures.

BJP organisational rejig, cabinet revamp likely soon

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AFTER the conclusion of Assembly elections in three states and one union territory, the BJP is expected to undertake a major organisational overhaul either by the end of this month or during the first week of June, party sources said.

Speculation is also mounting over a possible reshuffle of the Union cabinet after the formation of the new government in Assam, with several fresh faces from both the BJP and its NDA allies likely to be inducted into the Central government.

The anticipated restructuring has gained momentum following the election of Nitin Nabin as the BJP's national president. "A comprehensive revamp is being considered across various BJP wings, including the OBC, SC/ST and Mahila Morchas.

The exercise is expected to extend across multiple organisational levels, from the media cell to key administrative and political responsibilities within the party structure," a party leader said.

Political observers from within the BJP hinted that the leadership transition under Nabin, regarded as the youngest national president in the BJP's history, signals a deliberate move towards generational change within the organisation. "His appointment has fuelled expectations that younger leaders will be entrusted with significant responsibilities, both in the party organisation and within the government," a party source said.

Many BJP leaders suggested that Prime Minister Narendra Modi may initiate a mid-term Cabinet reset soon after the new organisational structure is finalised.

The proposed reshuffle is expected to prioritise younger leaders, particularly those in the 40–55 age bracket, while reviewing the performance of existing ministers. The BJP leadership is keen to adopt a more performance-oriented approach ahead of the 2029 Lok Sabha elections," said a senior leader aware of the matter.

Ministers and organisational office-bearers are likely to undergo detailed evaluations, with active and effective leaders expected to be rewarded with greater responsibilities. Those perceived as underperforming may face replacement, sources said. "The anticipated changes are being viewed as part of the BJP's broader strategy to strengthen its leadership pipeline, project a youthful image and enhance governance effectiveness as it prepares for future electoral challenges," a leader said.

The BJP is also keen to consolidate its forces before the UP assembly polls, considered a midterm mandate in the run-up to the big 2029 battle. A senior party leader said the BJP's next key focus is also Punjab.

Generational change

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VB-G RAM G Act to come into force from July 1

PRETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

NEARLY six months after Parliament passed the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAMG) Act, the Centre on Monday announced that the new Act will come into force across the country from July 1, replacing the two-decade-old MGNREGA 2005.

However, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Saptagiri Ulaka, criticised the rollout as "not thought through" and called for a phased transition and wider consultation with states before implementing.

According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Rural Development, the new Act will come into effect in all states and Union Territories from July 1. A separate notification stated that MGNREGA would be repealed and be replaced by the new framework.

Speaking to this newspaper, Ulaka said the Centre had failed to adequately plan the transition from MGNREGA to the new system. "The government should have notified the Act immediately after it was passed in December. There should have been a six-month overlap between the two schemes, as committed earlier," the Congress MP said.

Earlier, ministry officials had informed the parliamentary panel that states would be given a six-month transition period. The government said in the notification that the transition would be seamless. It said ongoing MGNREGA works as of June 30 would continue. Existing e-KYC-verified MGNREGA job cards will remain valid until new "Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Cards" are issued, while workers without e-KYC verification would not be denied employment.

Ulaka argued that MGNREGA cannot be discontinued abruptly. "You can't switch off one system and switch on another. There has to be an overlap before moving from one system to the other," he said.

Another major change under the new Act is the introduction of a 60:40 cost sharing ratio between Centre and states. Under MGNREGA, the Centre bears the cost of unskilled wages and most material, skilled labour costs. Under the new framework, the Centre's estimated share is ₹95,692.31 crore, with the remaining borne by states.

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NCERT goes hi-tech, launches digital companion for parents and teachers

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE NCERT has made extensive use of AI to launch a digital companion for parents and teachers. The objective behind its new app is to enable the adults to explain any subject comprehensively to children below eight.

The 'e-Jaadui Patra' app has been equipped with three AI bots which provide instant answers to any query posed to it in the language of one's choice. The bots are billed as 'Teacher Tara', 'Parent Tara' and 'Katha Saki'.

"We had developed a physical Jaadui Jatra box measuring 2 feet by 2 feet during 2022-2023. Schools or any of the stakeholders interested had to buy it at ₹11,000. It was useful for children as it contains 56 items in it including Moppets, charts, maps, flash cards, games to make learning a lively experience for children," an NCERT official told this newspaper.

A decision was taken later to make it available on the digital form to ensure ease of access for all. "Since AI is being used, the volumes it can generate on any topic are enormous. The Katha Saki app, for instance, can generate lakhs of stories per day also if one wants. To cite just one instance, parents can ask it to generate a new bedtime story every night for their children," the official said.

The 'Teacher Tara' bot guides teachers to explain any topic in a simplified and interesting method for children. "There are classes which have students with disabilities. If the teachers asks the bot how to teach something to a child with say, a visual impairment, it will guide the tutor step by step. The source for the knowledge shared is completely reliable and is based on NCERT books," the official said.

Updated textbook likely to be released in a week

The updated NCERT Social Science book for Class VIII might be released within a week. The book, released on February 24, created controversy for its chapter on the judiciary and was removed from sales the following day and later banned from sale in any form by the Supreme Court.

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SCHOLAR DEATH

The body of a 40-year-old research scholar from IIT Roorkee was recovered from the Ganga canal in Uttarakhand, police said on Monday. Mohit had been missing for past three to four days, the police said.

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Jaipur	43	29	Patna	39	28
Amritsar	39	29	Lucknow	41	28
Chennai	37	29	Port Blair	32	27
Kolkata	36	28	Imphal	28	20
Srinagar	24	11	Chandigarh	41	27

PM calls for unity beyond politics

At Somnath Amrut Parv, he says countries across globe unite to rebuild civilisational identity

PARVEZ SULTAN @ Parbhas Patan (Somnath)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the country must rise above "narrow political mindsets" to restore and protect symbols of national pride, adding that heritage preservation should not be subjected to political divisions. Speaking at the Somnath Amrut Parv marking the 75th anniversary of the reconstruction of the Somnath Temple, Modi said that while countries across the world unite to rebuild their civilisational identity, similar issues in India are often politicised.

"There are so many examples in the world where foreign invaders have destroyed places associated with national identity. But when the people of those countries got a chance, everyone came together and re-established their identity. But in our country, even when it comes to issues related to national self-esteem, there is politics," the PM said.

Citing the reconstruction of the Somnath Temple as an example, he said, "Somnath is the biggest example of this. After independence, one of the first responsibilities was the resurrection of Somnath. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Dr Rajendra Prasad made so many efforts for this. But they had to face so much opposition from (Jawaharlal) Nehru for this."

PM Narendra Modi during the Somnath Amrut Mahotsav on Monday | PTI

'Somnath Amrut Mahotsav reflected amazing energy'

"I was reliving the moment that India's first President Dr Rajendra Prasad must have experienced during the inauguration of the rebuilt temple," Prime Minister Modi said, and added that that the atmosphere of the Somnath Amrut Mahotsav reflected "an amazing energy."

He added that despite opposition, Patel remained committed to the project. "Somnath Temple was re-established and the country got rid of the stigma of centuries," Modi said. The Prime Minister also cautioned against what he called a "mentality of appeasement over national esteem." "Unfortunately, there are powers still active in the country today who feel appeasement is more important than national self-esteem. We have seen this during the construction of the Ram Mandir. The construction was also opposed," he said.

"We have to be careful of such mentality. We have to leave this kind of restricted politics behind. We have to move forward together with development and heritage," he added. Before the event, Modi visited the Somnath Temple following a roadshow. Describing his experience at the shrine, the Prime Minister said that he was overwhelmed by the devotion of people gathered there.

"I was reliving the moment that India's first President Dr Rajendra Prasad must have experienced during the inauguration of the rebuilt temple," he said and added that that the atmosphere of the Somnath Amrut Mahotsav reflected "an amazing energy." "Jai Somnath! Feeling blessed to be here, when we are marking 75 years since the rebuilt temple opened its doors for devotees… At Somnath, one can experience Bhakti in every corner," Modi posted on social media. Modi, who is also the Chairman of the Somnath Trust, said that the 75-year milestone marked an important moment in India's civilisational journey.

Before the event, he also held a roadshow along the nearly 1.5-km route from the helipad to Veer Hamirji Circle near the temple. A large number of people lined up to greet PM Modi. They waved flags and raised slogans as his convoy passed through the area. Artists from different parts of the country performed traditional dances at designated spots along the route.

Earlier this year, he had participated in the Somnath Swabhiman Parv celebrations at the temple, which included a 72-hour chanting of the Omkar mantra and prayers for national welfare.

'What is the need for girl edu?' Major backlash over Bihar minister's remarks

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

What is the need for girl education? Our daughters are our strength. They are the foundation of our prosperity.

Mithilesh Tiwari,
Education minister of Bihar

BIHAR'S newly appointed education minister, Mithilesh Tiwari, courted controversy on Monday when he said that girls were not required to study, as they should remain within the four walls of the house.

In the video which went viral on social media soon, the first-time minister, who is a BJP MLA from Baikunthpur in Gopalganj district, apparently sought to undermine the importance of education for girls and suggested that daughters should remain within the household rather than step out for public demonstrations.

When a reporter interrupted and reasoned that education is girls' right, he responded, "Girls will get their rights automatically."

Interestingly, Mithilesh Tiwari was a teacher, holding a BA (Honours) degree in Economics, before joining politics. He also ran a coaching institute in Patna for some time.

Tiwari's remarks are in sharp contrast to former chief minister Nitish Kumar, who promoted education of girls and women. His innovative idea to provide bicycles to schoolgirls improved attendance of girls in government schools across the state. Subsequently, the 'poshak' yojna was launched under which money was provided for their school uniforms.

Tiwari joined the ABVP in 1988 and entered active politics through BJP in 1990.

During the RJD's tenure, the BJP fielded him in February 2005, but he lost. In 2015, he won the election, leaving behind the JD (U)-RJD candidate. In the 2020 elections, he was unable to secure a victory, contesting from Baikunthpur. In 2025, he emerged victorious by defeating the RJD candidate.

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Mehbooba alleges corruption in Omar govt

PDP chief and former J&K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti has accused the government led by Omar Abdullah of corruption, alleging that a senior minister demanded ₹30 lakh from an officer in exchange for a transfer. Addressing party workers, the PDP chief claimed that an NC worker, who is also a government officer, approached a minister seeking a transfer but was allegedly asked to pay ₹30 lakh. She alleged that when the officer raised the issue with NC president Farooq Abdullah, he was told to speak directly to the minister concerned. Without naming the minister, Mehbooba said the incident reflected the level of corruption.

'Personal mobiles not valid for e-Challans'

In a significant ruling on the legality of electronic traffic challans, a court in Srinagar has held that personal mobile phones used by police officials cannot be treated as authorised electronic enforcement devices under Rule 167A of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR), 1989. The judgement was delivered by the Court of Special Mobile Magistrate Srinagar Shabir Ahmad Malik while allowing a plea challenging several e-challans issued for alleged traffic violations. The court observed that a personal smartphone does not attain the legal status of a prescribed enforcement device merely because it is used by a police officer.

'One ponywala-one horse' policy in Pahalgam

Authorities in the tourist resort Pahalgam have introduced a "one ponywala–one horse" policy in a move aimed at improving visitor safety and protecting the region's fragile ecosystem. The move comes nearly a year after the April 22, 2025, Pahalgam terror attack. According to the Chief Executive Officer of the Pahalgam Development Authority, it was found that ponywalas were operating four to five horses on a single licence, creating difficulties in regulation and increasing environmental pressure in the hill resort. Under the revised policy, each registered ponywala with a valid licence will now be permitted to operate only one horse.

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1-man judicial panel to probe Bargi tragedy

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

THE Madhya Pradesh has instituted a one-man judicial commission to probe the April 30 Jabalpur Bargi Dam's killer cruise boat tragedy. The panel will be headed by retired High Court judge Justice Sanjay Dwivedi. The Commission has been given three months to complete the probe and submit the report to the state government.

The panel will conduct a probe on five aspects, including the causes of the tragedy, fixing responsibilities for the tragedy and reviewing the rescue operations during and after mishap. It will also audit boats, as well as water sports activities, besides certification of water vessels in the state in accordance with the provisions of the Inland Vessels Act 2021 and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Boat Safety Guidelines 2017.

Additionally, the Commission will form standard operating procedures (SOPs) for operation and maintenance of boats and water sports activities in the state. The Commission will also look into creation of quick response teams (QRT) at those places where inland public water transport, boats, cruise boats and water sports activities are being operated.

TMC strongman, former minister held in municipal service recruitment scam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday arrested former TMC minister **Sujit Bose** in West Bengal on charges of alleged municipal service recruitment scam. The central agency took Sujit Bose (63) into custody under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after his day-long questioning at its CGO Complex office in Salt Lake in Kolkata.

This is the first arrest of a minister from the previous Trinamool Congress government after the BJP came to power in the state. Bose was the state fire services minister, and had appeared before ED's investigating team earlier this month as part of the ongoing probe.

The Central investigating agency claimed that Bose had recommended around 150 candidates for various posts in the South Dum Dum Municipality in exchange for financial benefits. Officials also alleged that large cash deposits were traced to bank accounts said to be under Bose's control during the investigation.

3 held for Suvendu aide murder, in 13-day custody

Three people were arrested from UP and Bihar in connection with the murder of West Bengal CM Suvendu Adhikari's PA Chandranath Rath. The accused were remanded to 13-day police custody after they were brought to Bengal and produced before a court in North 24-Paraganas district, police officials said.

Bose, accompanied by his son and a lawyer, reached the agency's office this morning, carrying several documents sought by the investigating agency. He is expected to be produced before a special PMLA court on Tuesday.

Allegations of institutionalised corruption were a major poll plank of the BJP in the campaign for Assembly elections in the state.

After his first cabinet meeting on Monday morning at the state secretariat Nabanna, chief minister Suvendu Adhikari had said the new government would take all steps to wipe out corruptions from the administration.

CM keeps home, finance and health as portfolios allocated

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Monday distributed cabinet portfolios among the five ministers—Dilip Ghosh, Agnimitra Paul, Nisith Pramanik, Ashok Kirtania and Kshudiram Tudu—who took oath alongside him last week. Interestingly, no post of deputy CM has been created so far in Suvendu's cabinet.

Dilip Ghosh, MLA from Kharagpur Sadar and former Bengal BJP president, was given the rural development department, while Agnimitra Paul, another senior MLA from the Asansol South constituency, will look after the women's development and municipal affairs and urban development departments.

Kirtania, a legislator from the Bagda seat who belongs to the Matua community, got the state food department, and Kshudiram Tudu, who was elected from the tribal-dominated Ranibandh in Bankura, will head the Adivasi development affairs.

Suvendu will look after the remaining departments like home, finance, health, agriculture, information and cultural affairs etc till other MLAs, who will be selected for ministerial berths in his cabinet, take oaths.

A BJP insider said that the Deputy CM post exists in states ruled by the BJP-led NDA partners. But in West Bengal, the BJP has formed the government alone.

The CM also held meetings with his MLAs at the Nabanna conference hall earlier in the day and directed them to take strict action against encroachments on government lands.

The BJP's landslide in West Bengal marked a dramatic political shift as the Trinamool Congress citadel came crashing down on April 4, with TMC party supremo Mamata Banerjee losing her seat to Adhikari. It ended Didi's three consecutive terms in power in the state. The BJP won 207 out of 294 seats.

Adhikari's swearing-in ceremony was administered by the governor on Saturday at Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata, and PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP national president Nitin Nabin and others were present.

Special roll observer named advisor to Suvendu, CEO to be chief secy

TNIE reported on May 10, 2026

Nominated members to be terminated

Days after the new CM was sworn-in, the Bengal government on Monday directed all departments to immediately terminate services of nominated members, directors and chairpersons of various bodies. Three retired bureaucrats, including former chief secretaries Alapan Bandyopadhyay, H K Dwivedi and Manoj Pant, have already resigned.

'Psychopath' who killed 3 gunned down in UP

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A 'psycho killer', who was arrested on Monday, was killed in encounter in UP as he tried to escape after snatching the firearm of policemen and opening fire on them while he was being taken for a crime scene recreation near Kuchhman railway station under Sakaldiha police station in Chandauli district.

"In retaliatory firing by the police, the psychopath, Gurupreet Singh, suffered a bullet injury and died later," DIG, Varanasi, Vaibhav Krishna, said.

Earlier in the day, the killing of a woman patient from point-blank range in a private hospital of Chandauli district sent shock waves across the state. The shooter, however, was caught by the onlookers in Chandauli unaware that he had executed two more killings—both passengers onboard two different trains—by shooting them in a similar manner during the past 26 hours.

A journey of murders: Two shot in train, one in hosp

During the journey, Gurupreet indulged in a verbal spat with one Mangru of Tadighat, sitting at the gate and shot him dead and jumped off the train. Then he shot Dinesh Shah, of Gaya in another train. In Chandauli, Gurupreet reached Jeevak Hospital, and shot the woman.

During interrogation by police, the accused turned out to be an ex-serviceman, Gurupreet Singh of Amritsar, with two firearms and instincts of a psychopathic killer.

The accused had killed three people—Mangru (34) of Ghazipur; Dinesh Shah, 42, of Gaya; and Laxmina, 55, of Sasaram—within a periphery of 20-25 km around Varanasi.

According to the DIG, interrogation by the Chandauli police, Government Railway Police and other agencies revealed that Gurupreet Singh hails from Tarn Taran, Amritsar, in Punjab. He was a soldier in the army and left in 2021.

One revolver and one sawed-off double-barrel gun were recovered from his possession. SP GRP Prashant Verma reached Chandauli to monitor the investigation.

As per police sources, the investigator noticed that he seemed mentally disturbed due to alcoholism and was turning aggressive. He admitted to having killed three persons without a reason, said officials.

He said he had left Punjab for the Ara district in Bihar to join a job as a security guard on April 29. He left for Prayagraj on May 9 by train. He then boarded the PDDU-Tadighat passenger train in the morning. During the journey, Gurupreet indulged in a verbal spat with one Mangru of Tadighat in Ghazipur sitting at the gate, shot him dead and jumped off the train. Gurpreet then reportedly boarded the Kolkata-Jammu-Tawi Express train in which Dinesh Shah, of Gaya, was travelling. He shot Shah near the toilet of the coach, said the officials, and escaped near Chandauli. In Chandauli, Gurupreet wandered around on foot and reached Jeevak Hospital, where he shot the woman.

Sanskrit must, Punjabi optional in Army schools trigger Punjab outrage

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Army Public Schools in Punjab have introduced Sanskrit as a compulsory subject and made Punjabi optional, triggering strong reactions from parents as well as education and language advocacy groups. A communique issued by school authorities said, "All parents are informed that Sanskrit is compulsory for the session 2026-27. Students who wish to take Punjabi language as additional subject need to bring the consent slip duly filled and signed by parents." Sources said Sanskrit has already been made compulsory in some Army Public Schools and others will do it soon.

Giving priority to other languages while ignoring Punjabi language in Punjab is unfair. The decision should be reconsidered

Ramesh Yadav, president of Folklore Research Akademi

"Army Public Schools exist across the country and mid-session transfers of parents take place. So only standardised language subjects can be taught in army schools in classes VI to VIII. These languages are English, Hindi and Sanskrit. Schools may opt to teach a fourth regional language if sufficient students opt it," an official said on condition of anonymity. Parents have expressed unease, stating that reduction in structured Punjabi teaching could affect linguistic and cultural learning outcomes.

Several Punjab-based organisations have said the move conflicts with the Punjab Learning of Punjabi and Other Languages (Amendment) Act, 2008, which mandates Punjabi instructions and learning in schools up to Class 10 across the state. Terming the move "arbitrary", Punjab Chetna Manch, a political forum comprising CPI members, Punjabi writers and political activists, has written to CM Bhagwant Singh Mann and CBSE, seeking a review of the policy. It has also warned of statewide demonstrations.

"Giving priority to other languages while ignoring Punjabi language in Punjab is unfair. The decision should be reconsidered keeping in mind the interests of the students," said Ramesh Yadav, president of Folklore Research Akademi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to purchase the schedule property from its owners Smt.K.N.Latha and others & both the parties have entered in to registered Sale agreement dated 30/04/2026 and any person or persons claiming any interest on the under mentioned property or any part thereof, is hereby required to communicate the same to me, with documentary evidence at my office mentioned below within 15 days from the date of this publication, as otherwise the said sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE

All that pieces and parcel of the immovable Agricultural kushki Sy No.642/1 situated at Kanakapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, measuring to an extent of 2 acre 24 guntas out of 3 acre 7.12 guntas and Bounded on:

East by : National Highway
West by : Property of Ramuni Gowda & Sy No.642/2
North by : Property of Ramuni Gowda
South by : Property of Venkatachalaiah

M.S. MANJUNATH, ADVOCATE,
MS ASSOCIATES
No.F-4, First floor, BASCO Complex,
Gandhibazaar circle, Basavanagudi,
Bangalore-560004, Ph No; 080-26673086
Mail ID : ms26673086@gmail.com
Bangalore. Date: 11-05-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE, is hereby given to the general public that my client Sri.Paladugu Ramababu S/o Venkateshwarlu Paladugu intends to purchase the immovable property having been satisfied with regard to the title of the said scheduled property for a valid consideration more particularly described in the schedule hereunder from its present Owner Sri.C.Ashwathnarayana S/o Late Chikkappaiah, therefore any person having any subsisting claim, right, title or interest of any manner including the schedule properties or any part thereof, in by way of sale, transfer, assignment, Exchange, charge, tenancy, sub-tenancy, lease, sub-lease, mortgage, inheritance, share, gift, Devise, maintenance, easement, encumbrance, trust, covenant, possession, beneficial, interest or pre-emption, or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit or award passed by any court or authority, arbitrator, lis-pendens, power of attorney, bequest, FSI, Development rights, partnership, are objection of any nature whatsoever in respect of the schedule property is here by required to make the same known in writing along with documentary proof to the under signed at the address given below within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be presumed that no claim Exists and if it Existed, the claimants has relinquished such claim and or waived their right to Exercise such claim. Any claims or objections received their after shall be deemed to have been waived and shall not be binding on my client are the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property being Agricultural Land bearing **Old Sy.no.39/3 New Survey No.39/24 measuring 0-21 Guntas, situated at Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District,** and all survey Numbers comana bounded on its:

East by : Land Belongs Bandi Sonnappa Navara Anjinappa.
West by : Remaing Land in Sy.No.39/3.
North by : Gutta
South by : Kunte

N. BASAVARAJU, Advocate
BSS LAW CHAMBER
Near Civil Court Complex,
Doddaballapura-561203. PH: 9591583855

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **SUDHAKAR A N** S/o. late A Narayana, Residing at No.137, 17th Main, 7th Cross, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, 1st Phase, Bangalore -560 076 had executed a unregistered General Power of Attorney on 20/09/2004 in favour of **M S KEERTHISHEKAR** S/o. Siddalingappa, Residing at No. 122, 5th Main, 1st Cross, Royal Placid Layout, Phase 1, HSR 5th Sector, Haralur Road, Bangalore -560 102 to represent my client in the Sub-Registrar Office, for purchase of the below mentioned properties

ITEM No.1: Site No. 1685 , situated in the layout formed by BDA at 5th Block, BSK 6th stage, Bangalore, measuring: East to West: 12.00 (Twelve) Meters and North to South: 18.00 (Eighteen) Meters in all measuring 216.00 Sq.mtrs. and bounded on: East by: Site No 1684, West by: Site No. 1686, North by: Road, South by: Site No.1674 and 1675.

ITEM No.2: Site No. 475 (Four hundred seventy-five) , situated in the layout formed by BDA at 10th Block, Further extension of Anjanapura, Bangalore, measuring ; East to West 12.00 (Twelve) Meters North to South 9.00 (Nine) Meters, in all measuring 108.00 Sq.mtrs. and bounded on: East by Road, West by Site No. 478, North by Site No. 474, and South by Site No. 476.

ITEM No.3: Site bearing No.216 formed on the converted lands bearing Survey numbers 1/1P, 3/1 (New No.3/4P), 3/2P 4/2P, 15/1P, 15/2P, 16/2, 16/3, 16/4A and 16/4B(p) (aggregate land on which the layout has been formed in measuring about 20-14 ½) situated at Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and the Layout is known as "Jayasurya Nagar-Third Phase" and the layout is duly approved by Bangalore Development authority vide No.BDA/TPM/PRL-29/2009 10/7578/2012-13 dated 28-3-2012 and the site is bounded on the East by Road, West by site No.211 & 212 , North by Site No.217, South by site No.215 measuring East to West 40 feet and North to south 30 feet measuring in all 1200 sq ft

After registration and khata transfer of the above properties in favour of my client **SUDHAKAR A N** all original and copies of all the relevant documents along with the power of attorney has been handed over to my client.

Further, my client and **M S KEERTHISHEKAR** have mutually executed a Deed of Revocation of Power of Attorney on 17-04-2026 and have revoked the said power of attorney dated 20/09/2004.

The General Public is hereby informed that the said General Power of Attorney stands revoked and is no longer in force. Accordingly, the said **M. S. KEERTHISHEKAR** has no authority to act on behalf of my client henceforth.

S. GUNASHEKAR, Advocate
No.3, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, Sudhamanagar,
Lalbagh Road, Bengaluru-560 027
Mobile No. 9980900544

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that the General Public that my client Mrs.Tejaswini S Prasad D/o Late Mr.S.Shambhulingaiah, is the owner of the Immovable Property bearing E-PID No.38-502-41(Old property no.6876/20-A), measuring 1200 Sq.ft., situated at Subhash Nagar, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural (D), which is acquired through Sale Deed dated 07/10/2008, vide Document No.3359/2008-09.

If any person/s have any right, title, interest, claim, or objection whatsoever in respect of the property, they are hereby required to notify the undersigned in writing with documentary proof within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Failing which, shall be presumed that the said property is free from all encumbrances, and my client shall be at liberty to proceed with any kind of transaction without any further reference.

CHAITHRA.P, Advocate
Yantaganahalli, Bhattarahalli Road,
Yantaganahalli, Nelamangala,
Bengaluru Rural(D)-562123
Dated : 11.05.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Sri. A N BALAJI** S/o. late A Narayana, Residing at No.137, 17th Main, 7th Cross, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, 1st Phase, Bangalore -560 076 had executed a unregistered General Power of Attorney on **25-01-2011** in favour of **Mr. M.S KEERTHISHEKAR** S/o. Siddalingappa, Residing at No. 122, 5th Main, 1st Cross, Royal Placid Layout, Phase 1, HSR 5th Sector, Haralur Road, Bangalore -560 102 to represent my client in the Sub-Registrar Office, for purchase of the below mentioned properties

ITEM No.1: All that piece and parcel of residential vacant site bearing No. 404, situated at Block XI, further extension of Anjanapura, Bangalore a layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, measuring East to West 15 meters, North to South 24 meters, totally measuring 360 sq meters, and bounded on the East by Site No.403, West by site No.405, North by Road, South by site Nos.421 and 422.

ITEM No.2: All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing No. 215(Two hundred fifteen) formed in Converted lands bearing Sy.No.1/1P, 3/1 (New No.3/4P), 3/2P, 4/2P, 15/1P, 15/2P, 16/2, 16/3, 16/4A and 16/4B(p) aggregate land on which the layout has been formed known as "Jayasurya Nagar Third Phase" Situated at Agrahara village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and the layout is duly approved by Bangalore Development Authority vide No. BDA/TPM/PRL-29/2009-10/7578/2012-13 dated 28-03-2013 and site is bound on East by Road, West by Site No.212 & 213, North by Site No.216, South by Site No. 214 and measuring East to West 40 feet North to South 30 feet in total 1200 Sq.ft. After registration and khata transfer of the above properties in favour of my client **A N BALAJI** all original and copies of all the relevant documents along with the power of attorney has been handed over to my client.

Further, my client and **M S KEERTHISHEKAR** have mutually executed a Deed of Revocation of Power of Attorney dated 17/04/2026, thereby revoking the said General Power of Attorney dated 25/01/2011.

The General Public is hereby informed that the said General Power of Attorney stands revoked and is no longer in force. Accordingly, the said **M. S. KEERTHISHEKAR** has no authority to act on behalf of my client henceforth.

S. GUNASHEKAR, Advocate
No.3, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, Sudhamanagar,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

To whomsoever it may concern, that my clients **1). Smt. Muniyamma** W/o. Late. Munivenkatappa **2). Sri. Erappa** S/o. Late. Guruvabhovi and **3). Sri. Erappa. V** S/o. Late. Venkataswamy are the absolute owners & in peaceful possession of the schedule property which is more fully described in the schedule herein under.

My clients ancestors by name 1). Muniswamy Bhovi, 2). Doddamuniswamy Bhovi, 3). Chikkamuniswamy Bhovi, 4). Appaiah Bhovi, 5). Muniyappa Bhovi, 6). Guruva Bhovi, 7). Eera Bhovi, 8). Munna Bhovi and 9). Iskodu Venkata Bhovi were jointly purchased the schedule property from Sri. K. Govindappa S/o. Kempaiah under the registered sale deed dated 20-10-1957 vide document No.1770/1957-58, in the office of sub registrar, at Devanahalli. The 9 purchasers took the joint possession of the schedule property from the date of sale deed to till their death, the khata has transferred to their names jointly as per MR. No.21/1970-71. After their death, their legal heirs are jointly cultivating the schedule property.

My clients have filed the suit in O.S. No.1329/2006 (Old O.S No.329/2004) for the relief of Partition and Separate Possession against Sri. Muniyappa, Sri. Giri Gowda P S/o. Pape Gowda, Sri. Shama Raju, Sri. Umesh S Raju S/o. Shama Raju, Sri. Guru Deep Singh Siddu and M/s. Education Trust Rep. by Authorised Person and 138 others, and O.S No.409/2009 for permanent injunction both suits are pending before the Hon'ble Civil Court at Devanahalli, in respect of schedule property and no partition took place between my clients and legal heirs of the deceased purchasers.

The public at large are hereby cautioned to not to do any transaction, without the knowledge and consent of my clients, in any manner with the joint owners named as follows:

1). Sri. Subba Ramu S/o. Late. Appaiah Bovi, 2). Sri. Venkatesh S/o. Late. Muniyappa, 3). Sri. Munikrishna S/o. Late. Boodhigere Muniswamy Bhovi, 4). Sri. M. Narayan S/o. Late. Muniyappa Bhovi, 5). Sri. Lingappa S/o. Late. Muiniyappa Bhovi (Iskode Venkata Bhovi) and 6). Sri. Narayan S/o. Late. Gorallappa or their legal heirs are making attempts to alienate and encumber the same in 3rd party purchaser and hence the general public are hereby caution not to deal with them with regard to the schedule property and inspite of the same if they are to do so they will be doing at their own cost and risk for which my clients will not be held responsible.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the agriculture agriculture dry land bearing Survey No.67 measuring 120 acres (New Sy. No.120, 121 and 122/1), situated at Navarathna Agrahara Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded as follows:- **East by :** Land belongs to K. Srinivas Murthy, **West by :** Hegganahalli and Gadenahalli Border, **North by :** Nagamangala Border, South by : Land in same Survey number belonging to K. Muniswamappa.

P.R. PASHUPATHI, Advocate
Office No.1, Chamber No.215, 2nd Floor,
Amar Tower, 1st Cross, 1st Main Road,
Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-09.
Mobile No.9449215857
Place: Bengaluru Date: 09-05-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the original Sale Deed dated 23.05.2022 executed by **Mr. R. Sathyanarayana Rao and Mr. R. Prakash Rao** in favour of Mr. Shivaraj.S, registered as Document No. VJN-1-01406/2022-23, Book-I, stored in CD No. VJND-1065, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru, in respect of immovable property bearing Site No.313, formed in Sy. No.18/9, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 20 feet, in all measuring 600 square feet, situated at Manganahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, has been lost/misplaced and despite diligent search the same could not be traced.

It is further notified that the said property is presently owned and possessed by Mrs. Sharadha.H.V, having acquired right, title and interest over the same through lawful means.

The present owner has lodged necessary complaint/intimation regarding the loss of the aforesaid original document before the jurisdictional police authorities.

Any person/s, bank, financial institution or authority having custody of the aforesaid original Sale Deed or claiming any right, title, interest, charge, lien, mortgage, agreement or any manner of claim over the above said property by virtue of the said original document or otherwise, are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned in writing together with supporting documents within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that no person has any claim over the said property or document and further steps shall be taken accordingly.

SHARADHA.H.V,
Present Owner/Claimant
Date:11-05-2026

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भारत सरकार का उपक्रम A Government of India Undertaking

Regional Office : Bengaluru (East),
# 10 - A, "Chandrakiran", Kasturba Road,
Bengaluru - 560 001
E-mail : pnd.robengalurueast@unionbankofindia.bank.in

SHIFTING OF BRANCH

We are pleased to inform our valued customers that our Specialized Startup Branch is Shifting to a New Location.

- **Effective Date of Relocation : 12.05.2026**
- **New Branch Address # 10 - A, "Chandrakiran", 1st Floor, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.**
- **Landmark : Opposite to Cubbon Park Police Station.**
- **Contact No.: 9324912071 / 8456955833**

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Sd/- Regional Head
Regional Office - Bengaluru East

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Corporate Office: " CHOLA CREST " C 54 & 55, Super B - 4,
Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032.
Branch : No. 74/22, HV Arcade, 2nd Floor, Sy. No. 751/2,
Bagalur Road, Hosur - 635109

POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (1) (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notice calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken **symbolic possession** of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on

the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules made there under.The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited** for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.

Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstandingincluding all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

Loan A/c. Name & Address of Borrower	Date of Demand notice	Outstanding Amount	Date of Possession
Loan A/c No. : ML01HOR00000080307 **1) Vinay Kumar Muniyappa,** No. 201, Yarandahalli, Jigani, Bangalore, Karnataka-560105. **2) Gowramma .M,** No. 201, Yarandahalli, Jigani, Bangalore, Karnataka-560105. **3) Nandhini Milk Parlour,** Shop No. 5, G M Infinity, Electronic City Phase 1, Bangalore, Karnataka-560100.	10.02.2026	**Rs. 23,27,962/-** as on 10.02.2026 and interest thereon	08.05.2026
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property situated at Bangalore Urban District, Anekal Taluk, Jigani Hobli, Hennagara Village Panchayath, Yarandahalli Village, as per Form-9 & 11, Janjar No.121, Property No.91/32/1, measuring East to West : 20 feet and North to South: 60 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq.ft. and **Bounded on : East :** Jayamma House, **West :** Bhadrappa House, **North :** Road, **South :** Ashok House in the midst above said land.			

Date : 10.05.2026
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Canara Bank,
ARM Branch I

2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road,
Bangalore-560001.

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable and Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **27.05.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.30 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 17,85,18,819.18/-** as on 10.05.2026 with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **1. M/s. Lakshminarayanaswamy M Sand,** Office at : Door No. 130/4, 80 Feet Road, KHB Colony, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore-560079. **2. Mrs. Parvathamma** W/o. Lakshmanappa M R, Resding at 130/4, 80 Feet Road, KHB Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079. **3. Lakshminarayanaswamy M L,** S/o Late Lakshmanappa MR, R/at No 403, 6th Block, Sri Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Near KLE Law College, Bangalore-560091. **4. Chandrakala M L,** D/o Late Lakshmanappa M R, R/at No 403, 6th Block, Sri Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Near KLE Law College, Bangalure-56009. **5. Vijayalakshmi M L,** D/o Late Lakshmanappa M R, R/at Dasegowdana Palya Village. Hebbur Hobli, Tumkur Taluk-572118. **6. Yashoda M L ,** D/o Late Lakshmanappa MR, R/at No 403, 6th Block, Sri Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Near KLE Law College, Bangalure-560091. **7. Pramila M L,** D/o Late Lakshmanappa M R , R/at No 111, 12th Cross, 9th Main, Opp Mount Carmel School, Ideal Home's, Rajarajeshwarinagara,Bangalure-560098.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentionedin the said challan on or before **26.05.2026, 5.00 pm.** **(Rs. in Lacs)**

Lot	Description of the immovable/ movable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental value Rs.
1	Existing Regd MODTD of land situated in Sy.No 43/P1. Khahta No 167 and 168, Dananyakanapura Village, Byatha Village, Oodigere Hobli, Tumkur District-572104. 14 acres which consists of 9 acres standing in the name of Mr. Lakshmanappa M R S/o Ramaiah and 5 acres in the name of Mrs. Parvathamma W/o Lakshamanappa M R. Out of the total 14 acres, only 4 acres of land (2 acres each in Katha No. 167 and 168) has been converted for industrial purpose. **Boundaries as follows : (1) Bytha Village Sy No 43/P1, 7 Acres-0 Guntas : East :** Sy No. 44, **West :** Sy No. 44, **North :** Land Belongs to Parvathamma, **South :** Land Belongs to Veeranna. **(2) Bytha Village Sy. No. 43/P1, 7Acres-0 Guntas : East :** Land Belongs to Lakshmanappa, **West :** Land Belongs to Veeranna, **North :** Sy No. 44, **South :** Remaining Road. **(3) Bytha Village Sy. No. 43/P1, 2 Acres-0 Guntas : East :** Remaining Land, **West :** Sy No. 46, **North :** Sy No.44, **South :** Remaining Road, **(4) Bytha Village Sy. No. 43/P1, 2Acres-0 Guntas : East :** Remaining Land, **West :** Sy No. 46, **North :** Sy No.44, **South :** Remaining Road.	430.00	43.00	1.00

Lot	Description of the Machines	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental value Rs.
1	2 Streams of 300 TPH skid mounted sand crushing plat with stockpile 5000T and dry classification unit.	618.00	61.80	1.00
2	600KW/750KVA Silent diesel Generating set with CPCB-II approved acoustic encloser comprising of Cumins Model KTA-38-G13, radiator cooled diesel engine deceloping 987 BHP, at 1500 RPM, complete with standard accessories, coupled to Stamford alternator rated at 600KW/750KVA at 415 volts, three phase mounted on channel iron base frame, complete with fuel tank oh 990 litres capacity & maintenance free fully charged Cummins Pulselite batteries without panel.	34.00	3.40	1.00
3	CLA 25.220 (6*4) (VE) fully built tipper with 16 CUM std box engine 0836LFL 220 HP gear box 95 1110, rear axel AP-H9-13120 with interaxel & diff lock. Rear suspension boggle, wheel base 4525 tyre 11.008 20-16 PR with ETT front steel bumper, day cabin, ABS, BS-111.	94.00	9.40	1.00
	Total (LAND & BUILDING + PLANT & MACHINERY)	1176.00		

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in **Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com)** or E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 080-25310066, 9486092152, and 9866977711** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 11.05.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Offier
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

I **Mrs. A S Malik,** W/o C A Salin, R/a No 2/84, Sector 2, Rajendra Nagar, Sahibabad, Gjaziabad Uttarapradesh-201005, hereby bringing to the notice of public that I have entered into a Sale Agreement with regard to the schedule property mentioned below with **Smt.Sree Gowri M N** D/o Late M N Nanjundeswara Prasad, R/a No 15, 6th Cross, Binny Layout, 2nd Stage Vijayanaga, Bangalore-560040 on 29.04.2026 and decided to go for purchase by way of registered sale deed. Therefore I hereby request the public in general file the objections if any with regard to below mentioned schedule property **within 15 days** from the date of this notice with **Sri. G GANESHA advocate, VGA Law solution,** No. 200, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Vinayakanagar, Banashakari 1st stage, Bangalore 560050. (Ph: 9663980229)

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential **property bearing No.15, Jarakabande Kaval, Vidyaranyapura Sub-Division, Bangalore-560 013** measuring at **East to West 42+31/2 Sq. Feet and North to south 41+40/2 Sq. Feet,** with a Ground plus one-storey building totally measuring **1478.25 Sq.ft** with constructed portion of **800 Sq.ft,** RCC building bounded on the:-

East by: Military Compound
West by: Property No.14
North by: 20 Ft Road
South by: Property No.18.

***Sd/-* Mrs. A S Malik**

Form No. INC 26

[Pursuant to Rule 30 of Companies (Incorporation) Rules 2014]
Advertisement to be published in the newspaper
for change of registered office of the company from one state to another
Before the Central Government Regional Director
(Southern Region) Headquartered in Chennai

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
AND

In the matter of COASTAL BREEDING FARM PRIVATE LIMITED having its registered office at C-502, MANTRI PRIDE, 2 MOUNTAIN ROAD 1ST CROSS, 1ST BLOCK, BANGALORE, Karnataka, 560011.

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting/ Extra ordinary general meeting held on 13-03-2026 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "State of Karnataka" to "State of KERALAM".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver **either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form** or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the the Regional Director at the address **5th Floor, Shastri Bhavan, 26 Haddows Road, Chennai-600006, Tamil Nadu** within **Fourteen days** of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below: COASTAL BREEDING FARM PRIVATE LIMITED having its registered office at C-502, MANTRI PRIDE, 2 MOUNTAIN ROAD 1ST CROSS, 1ST BLOCK, , BANGALORE,Karnataka, 560011

For and on behalf of the Applicant
COASTAL BREEDING FARM PRIVATE LIMITED
C-502, MANTRI PRIDE, 2 MOUNTAIN ROAD 1ST CROSS,
1ST BLOCK, BANGALORE, Karnataka, 560011.
C P PRABHAKUMAR
MANAGING DIRECTOR
DIN: 03159036

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Room No-B-215 – बी 216 "अरण्य भवन," झालाना संस्थानिक क्षेत्र, जयपुर 302004/
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Online Proposal No.: **FP/RJ/OTHERS/532057/2025** Dated: **18/02/2026**

To,
प्रमुख सचिव (वन एवं पर्यावरण) / Principal Secretary (Forest and Environment),
वन एवं वन्यजीव विभाग / Department of Forest and Wildlife
राजस्थान सरकार / Government of Rajasthan,
वानिकी पथ, सचिवालय के निकट / Vaniki Path, Near Secretariat
जयपुर–302005 (राजस्थान) / Jaipur-302005 (Rajasthan)

Subject :- **Proposal for diversion of 0.85 ha forest land for External Drainage Kota Greenfield Airport Kota, in favour of Secretary KDA Kota, Kota Development Authority, Near CAD Circle Kota Rajasthan – reg.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the online proposal no. FP/RJ/OTHERS/532057/2025 dated 30/03/2025 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with section' 2' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by Regional Office as per rules. After the examination, I am directed to convey the **"In-Principle/Stage-I"** approval of the Central Government under section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the Proposal for non-forestry use of 0.85 ha of forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s KOTA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY for Bundi Territorial Division in Forest Division, District KOTA (RAJASTHAN) subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.85 Ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal
1.3	The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, at 20 m apart, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing/ Geo-coordinate and distance from pillar to pillar.
1.4	The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation, at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years
1.5	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard
1.6	At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India
1.7	All the funds received from the user agency under the project, except the funds realized for regeneration/ demarcation of safety zone, shall be transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA in the Savings Bank Account pertaining to the State concerned
1.8	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
1.9	The User agency, if required, will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures in the area being diverted at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department. A scheme of the same may be submitted along with the compliance report
1.10	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land
1.11	The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas
1.12	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.13	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.14	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.15	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused
1.16	Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department
1.17	The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted in accordance with the relevant guidelines issued by the MoEF
1.18	The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project
1.19	The User Agency shall submit self-compliance reports to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State
1.20	The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year
1.21	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry/State Govt may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife
1.22	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project
1.23	Grant of working permission to the extant proposal may be considered by the State Government in accordance with the provisions as contained in the MoEF&CC's Guidelines dated 28.08.2015
1.24	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1.0 ha DFL, Survey No. Nil, Village- Dhorela, Range-Dabi, Tehsil-Talera, District-Bundi of Rajasthan at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and mono-culture of any species may be avoided.
1.25	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal

2. Standard Conditions

3. Specific Conditions

S. No.	Conditions
3.1	The User Agency shall provide CA in NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023, which is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Forest Department shall ensure that an undertaking from the user agency is obtained in this regard.

उपरोक्त उल्लिखित शर्तों की पूर्ति के संबंध में अनुपालन रिपोर्ट प्राप्त होने के पश्चात, प्रस्ताव पर वन (संरक्षण एवं संवर्धन) अधिनियम, 1980 की धारा 2 के अंतर्गत अंतिम स्वीकृति के लिए विचार किया जाएगा। इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा अंतिम स्वीकृति प्रदान किए जाने तक वन भूमि का हस्तांतरण प्रभावी नहीं किया जाएगा।

इसके अतिरिक्त, यह भी ध्यान में रखा जाए कि यह सैद्धांतिक (इन–प्रिंसिपल) स्वीकृति इस पत्र के जारी होने की तिथि से 5 वर्षों की अवधि के लिए वैध होगी। उपर्युक्त शर्तों का 5 वर्षों के भीतर अनुपालन न होने की स्थिति में, केंद्रीय सरकार द्वारा यह सैद्धांतिक स्वीकृति निरस्त की जा सकती है। / After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be effected till final approval is granted by the Government in this regard.

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 5 years, the in-principle approval may be revoked by the Central Government.

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1. DGF&SS, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Indira paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003
2. Chief Executive Officer, National CAMPA, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran, Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-03 (Email-adhoc-campa-mef@nic.in)
3. The Inspector General of Forests, ROHQ Division, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Indira paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi- 110003.
4. The PCCF (HoFF), State Forest Department, Government of Rajasthan, Aranya Bhawan, Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur-302004
5. The APCCF & Nodal Officer, State Forest Department, Government of Rajasthan, Aranya Bhawan, Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur-302004.
6. Secretary KDA Kota, Kota Development Authority, Near CAD Circle Kota Rajasthan
7. Record file.

Your's faithfully
(बालाजी करी / Balaji Kari)
सहायक महानिरीक्षक वन (एआईजीएफ) / Assistant Inspector General of Forests (AIGF)
क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, गांधीनगर / Regional Office, Gandhinagar
पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय (MoEF&CC),
भारत सरकार / MoEF&CC, Govt of India

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JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 05.05.2026	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date Time & Place for submission of Bid
1	48009430000569 48009430000187 & 48009410000307	1) Mr. Gangadara S, 2) Mrs. R Draksayini	03.09.2025	10.11.2025	**Rs.17,38,878.55** (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Eight and Fifty Five Paisa Only)	23.05.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	**Rs.17,51,000/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Fifty One Thousand Only)	**Rs.1,75,100/-** (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Five Thousand One Hundred Only)	29.05.2026 @ 02:00 PM	27.05.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel for property bearing Site No.778, formed in Sy.No.46, PID No.16-54-778. Situated at Saneguruvanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, and **Bounded on the: East by:** A Schedule Property belongs to Mr. S. Gnanamurthy, **West by:** Site No.779, **North by:** Road, **South by:** B Schedule Property belongs to Mr. Dhanajaya.S, Measuring East to West 15 feet, North to South 19 feet. Totally measuring 285 Sq.feet.									
2	47469410001562 47469610000142 & 47469410001078	1) Mr. Nagaraj, S/o. Yellappa, 2) Mrs. L Savitha	24.11.2025	17.02.2026	**Rs.23,56,297.07** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Seven and Seven Paisa Only)	23.05.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	**Rs.25,11,000/-** (Rupees Twenty-Five Lakh Eleven Thousand Only)	**Rs.2,51,100/-** (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty One Thousand One Hundred Only)	29.05.2026 @ 02:00 PM	27.05.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Northern Portion of Katha No.447/2/2/29, situated at Bidarahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and **Bounded on the: East by:** Property belongs Ramanjanappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property belongs to Narayanappa, **South by:** Remaining portion of same Katha Number belongs to Krishnappa. Measuring East to West 40 Feet & North to South 15 feet, in all measuring 600 Sq.feet.									

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" & "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. Auctionbazaar.com** at the web portal **contact@auctionbazaar.com, support@auctionbazaar.com, eauctions@auctionbazaar.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. Auctionbazaar.com; Contact Auctionbazaar Contact Number: 91 8370969696/ +91 7997043999. Email id: contact@auctionbazaar.com, support@auctionbazaar.com.** For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Umesh (Mob. No.8050149617), Mr. Kaushik B (Mob. No.7019949040) & Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362952653).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 11.05.2026, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

250KG IVORY
haul leads to arrest of nine suspects in Thailand's biggest smuggled ivory seizure in a decade

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

LR: Light Rain ● **HR:** Heavy Rain ● **LS:** Light Snow ● **TDS:** Thundershower ● **LC:** Light Cloud ● **SNY:** Sunny

Indian student wins seat in Scotland Parliament

Q Manivannan

LONDON: An Indian doctoral student from Tamil Nadu, who moved to Scotland on a student visa just four years ago, has turned a local election victory into a wider debate on immigration, identity and representation in UK politics. Q Manivannan, who identifies as non-binary and claims to represent "diversity in power", is among the newest members of the Scottish Parliament - also referred to as Holyrood. The PhD student was elected to the devolved Scottish Parliament on the Edinburgh and Lothians East regional list for the pro-independence Scottish Greens. The results for the elections held last week were announced on May 9. "My name is Dr Q Manivannan, I am a transgender Tamil immigrant, my pronouns are they/them," said Manivannan, standing among his supporters. "I am to some in this country everything that the hateful despise and I am standing here as your MSP (Member of the Scottish Parliament) now with care. They say politics is the art of the possible, a politics of care I would say expands what is possible for everyone left behind, pushed out or never invited in," the Indian student said. Born in Tamil Nadu, Manivannan moved to Scotland in 2021 on a student visa to pursue a course in international relations at the University of Andrews. Ahead of the election victory, the Indian national was in the process of online crowdfunding for a Graduate Visa, which grants doctoral students the right to live and work in the UK for three years beyond their student visa. "Every barrier placed before me with the Greens was the reason also that we pushed further. This is what diversity looks like in power," said Manivannan, who uses the pronouns they/them. Their election has drawn criticism from anti-immigration voices over rules that allow some foreign nationals living in Scotland to contest elections. PTI

TRUMP PROPOSES GAS TAX PAUSE OVER PRICEY FUEL

Move still needs Congress approval despite bipartisan political backing

TEHRAN

US President Donald Trump said on Monday he will move to suspend the federal tax on gasoline to help Americans shoulder surging fuel prices caused by the Iran war. The president cannot suspend the federal tax on his own. Congress would have to approve the move.

Lawmakers from both parties have pushed for a gas-tax suspension, saying it would provide much-needed relief for families and businesses that rely on their cars and trucks to get to work and school and run everyday errands.

Smoke rising from the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted the village of Zawtar al-Gharbiyeh in the southern Lebanese area of Marjeyoun | AFP

As of Monday, the average national gas price was USD 4.52 a gallon, according to the AAA motor club, 50 per cent higher than the average price of just under USD 3 a gallon before Trump began the war against Iran. The federal tax is currently set at 18.4 cents per gallon on gasoline and 24.4 cents per gallon on diesel fuel, an amount that does not include state taxes, which often are higher.

Asked by reporters at the White House how long the tax should be suspended, Trump said, "Until it's appropriate." While the tax only adds about 18 cents per gallon to the price of gas, "it's still money," Trump said. As gas prices have spiked, the Trump administration has released millions of barrels of oil from the US Strategic Petroleum Reserve and temporarily lifted sanctions on some Russian and Iranian oil shipments already at sea. The US is negotiating with countries reliant on Middle East crude to join a coalition to police the Strait of Hormuz, where about one-fifth of the world's traded oil normally flows. The gas tax provides more than USD 23 billion per year in revenue for federal highway and public transit programmes.

WAR WATCH

Meanwhile, Trump said the ceasefire with Iran was at its "weakest" and on "massive life support", a day after he rejected Tehran's proposal. "It is at its weakest. After reading that piece of garbage they sent us... It's on life support, massive life support," Trump told reporters at the Oval Office in response to a question on the ceasefire with Iran in the wake of the rejection of the peace proposal. During an event on Maternal Healthcare at the White House, Trump asked the participants to keep their remarks short as he had a meeting with a large group of generals on the issue of Iran.

Trump received the Iranian proposal on Sunday amid hopes that it could lead to a breakthrough to end the war with Iran that began on February 28, blocking the key sea route for global oil supplies, leading to fuel shortages in several countries. *PTI*

No peace yet, Trump rejects Iran's demands

TEHRAN: IRAN said on Monday it had demanded the release of its frozen assets and the end of a US blockade of its ports, after US President Donald Trump angrily rejected Tehran's terms for starting negotiations to halt the West Asia war. The sharp exchange of messages raised the spectre of a return to open conflict in the Gulf, sent oil prices soaring and dashed hopes that a deal could be quickly negotiated to reopen the Strait of Hormuz to commercial shipping. Trump reacted with fury after Iran responded to the latest US proposal for peace talks with a counteroffer he deemed, in a brief social media post, "totally unacceptable". The exchange unnerved global energy markets, with crude prices rising by more than four percent before dropping back slightly in afternoon London trading and a top executive warning the crisis could last for years. "The energy supply shock that began in the first quarter is the largest the world has ever experienced," the CEO and president of Saudi oil giant Aramco, Amin Nasser, told investors. "If the Strait of Hormuz opens today, it will still take months for the market to rebalance, and if its opening is delayed by a few more weeks, then normalisation will last into 2027," he said. Aside from energy — in peacetime a fifth of the world's oil and LNG exports pass through Hormuz — the world also faces a shortage of fertiliser, much of which comes from Gulf ports, and hence food for tens of millions of people. AFP

U.S. and French evacuees test hantavirus +ve

GRANADILLA DE ABONA

AN American citizen and a French woman evacuated from the cruise ship hit by a deadly hantavirus outbreak have tested positive, officials said, as the repatriation operation continued on Monday. Following the positive test results, Spain defended the rigour of its sanitary measures during the complex evacuation Sunday of 94 people of 19 different nationalities from the MV Hondius, which is moored in the Canary Islands.

The Dutch-flagged vessel has been at the centre of global concern after three passengers died following an outbreak of the rare virus, which usually spreads among rodents and for which no cure exists. Health officials have insisted that the risk to global public health is rare and dismissed comparisons to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The French woman, one of five evacuees from France placed in isolation in Paris, started to feel unwell on Sunday night, and "tests came back positive", Health Minister Stephanie Rist said.

Late Sunday, the US health department said one American national evacuated from the ship had "mild symptoms" and that another had tested positive for the Andes virus, the only hantavirus strain that is transmissible between humans.

Spain's health ministry said "all measures" had been taken to stop the virus spreading during the evacuations, in which medical teams escorted passengers from the ship to an airport on the island of Tenerife under close supervision and following health checks.

Hazmat-suited personnel board a US-bound flight carrying evacuees from the hantavirus-hit cruise ship MV Hondius in Tenerife | AFP

It said the French patient "started to feel unwell during the flight and not while she was on the ship". The US citizen who tested positive "did not show symptoms when they were in Cape Verde", where the MV Hondius stopped before reaching the Canary Islands, the ministry said. "However, the US authorities have decided to treat the case as positive. For that reason, they requested a separate evacuation, which was carried out in a separate boat."

In all, eight cases have been confirmed in the outbreak, and two more are listed as "probable", according to the World Health Organization and national health authorities, with citizens of six countries affected. Health authorities are tracing suspected cases, close contacts and passengers who disembarked from the ship across several countries. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

EX-PM THAKSIN RELEASED FROM PRISON

Thailand's former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra was released early from prison on Monday, raising the prospect of a return to the spotlight for the political heavyweight. The 76-year-old telecoms billionaire served eight months of a one-year prison sentence for corruption and will be required to wear an electronic monitor while on probation until September. Thaksin hugged family members outside the Bangkok jail where supporters wearing their signature red shirts had gathered, some shouting "we love Thaksin".

CULTURAL FEST PROMOTES DESI MANGOES

Boxes of mangoes were given as rewards to performers at a cultural festival in Singapore this weekend, *Daily Excelsior* reported. It comes amid a push by India to promote the fruit through community events in the city-state. "Our endeavour has been to introduce a diverse range of globally renowned Indian mangoes to our Singaporean friends," High Commissioner of India Shilpak Ambule said. "We plan to do more such events in this mango season," he said. This was the second such mango promotion festival organised this month by the High Commission.

BERSATU EXPELS FOUR MORE LEADERS

Four more elected representatives and party leaders were expelled with immediate effect by Bersatu's disciplinary board for violating Code of Ethics and Conduct. Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia is a nationalist party founded in 2016 by former prime minister Mahathir Mohamad. Over a dozen members were earlier expelled on similar grounds.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I
FOR KARNATAKA, AT BANGALORE
BSNL BUILDING, 4th FLOOR,
TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD,
BENGALURU -560001

T.A No. 39/2024

BETWEEN : M/s. INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK R T NAGAR BRANCH **APPLICANT**
AND : M/S.PAMA FARMS & Others **DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No. 1 to 3 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION ISSUED UNDER RULE-23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

DEFENDANT NO.1 : M/S. PAMA FARMS Rptd by its Partners : Mr. Rajeev Samuel And Mrs. Rajini Samuel, No.4, Ashirvada Nilaya, 2nd Block 7th Main, Sri M V Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar BENGALURU - 560016
DEFENDANT NO.2 : Mr. RAJEEV SAMUEL S/o. G S Samuel No. 3, 1st Cross, 3rd C-1 Street, Sri M V Nagar, Ramaiah Garden, Ramamurthy Nagar, BENGALURU -560016
DEFENDANT NO.3 : Mr. RAJINI SAMUEL W/o. Mr. Rajeev Samuel No. 3, 1st Cross, 3rd C-1 Street, Sri M V Nagar, Ramaiah Garden, Ramamurthy Nagar, BENGALURU-560016

WHEREAS the above-named Applicant has instituted the application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs.96,60,844.96/- (Rupees ninety six Lakhs sixty thousand eight hundred Forty four rupees and ninety six paise only) as on 01.12.2022, together with further cost and interest. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **10.07.2026 at 10:30 A.M.** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 4th day of May 2026 at Bengaluru.

(REGISTRAR)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I for Karnataka
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House,
Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru -560001

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, bring to the notice of General Public at large that, our client Sri.Bharath Kumar.B, S/o Sri. Bhagchand Ranka, Aged about 47 years, R/at #70/1-2, 1st Floor, Pramoda Apartments, Surveyor Street, V.V.Puram, Bengaluru-560004, intends to purchase the below stated schedule properties bearing Site No.29 and Site No.30 from the joint absolute Owners i.e, Dr.Zaheer Hasan Mecci and Mrs.Nasreen Mecci, situated at Kanakapura Road, Bassavanagudi, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, BBMP Ward No.153.

Any Person having any rights, title, interest or claims or disputes over the schedule properties by way of sale/alienations, inheritance, succession, possession, mortgage, lien, charge or any pending litigations or otherwise, having objections over the alienation of the schedule properties shall write the same in writing along with reliable documents thereof to the below said address, within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. Any objections filed without valid proof of documents or within the stipulated period, the same shall be discarded/abandoned and our client will proceed with the negotiation and conclude the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No.1:- All that piece and parcel of the Vacant New Site No.29, Old Site No.3, Property No.3-29, measuring East to West 81 Feet and North to South 65 Feet, totally measuring 5265 Sq.ft (489.1 Sq.mtrs), bearing EPID No.2604246373, situated at Kanakapura Main Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Presently fallen under BBMP Ward No.153-Jayanagar and bounded on:- East by: Private Property, West by: Remaining extent in Old No.3 and New No.29, North by: Property of Late. Mr.D.Souza, and South by: Property of Ali Hussain Mecci.

Item No.2:-All that piece and parcel of the Vacant New Site No.30, Old Site No.3, Property No.3/1-30, measuring East to West 64 Feet and North to South 38 Feet, totally measuring 2432 Sq.ft (225.9 Sq.mtrs), bearing EPID No.4704225793, situated at Kanakapura Main Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Presently fallen under BBMP Ward No.153-Jayanagar and bounded on:- East by: House No.30 belonging to dr.Ali Hussain Mecci, West by: Kanakapura Road, North by: Property of Late. Mr.D.Souza, and South by: House belonging to Jameela Begum.

HARISH KUMAR.S, ADVOCATE
No.293, Akshara, 15th Cross, 7th Main.
6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102.
Email-adhoclawfirms@gmail.com,
Mob-9036507203.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client M/s.**PIRAMAL FINANCE**, is intending to Mortgage the **Northern Portion of Site No.17** (i.e., measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 11 feet) and **Southern Portion No.18, (i.e. measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 11 feet), Katha No.24/1, formed in Property No.24/1, (previously Katha No.24),** Situated at Geddalahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Limits, **New Ward No.25, presently BBMP Katha No.24/1/17, Measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 22 feet, Totally Measuring 880 Sq.feet, along with 400 Squares in Ground Floor and in First Floor 400 Squares RCC roofed house,** constructed with mosaic flooring and doors and windows made with jungle woods, with water and electricity facility and with all other civic amenities, **Bounded on East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Remaining portion of Site No.18, South by: Remaining portion of Site No.17,** From its Owner **Mr. SYED NISAR AHMED,** S/o. **Mr. S.A.Majeed** and **Mrs. RESHMA, W/o Mr. Syed Nisar Ahmed.**

Any person having any objections or claiming any right, title or interest in the said property are required to lodge the same with the undersigned along with documentary evidence within 7 days from this date, failing which my clients shall proceed with the transactions of the said property free from all encumbrances.

N. SOMASHEKHAR, Advocate,
M/s. Sri Sai Law Associates,
No. 67/3, Benaka Complex, Hennagara Gate,
Bommasandra, Bangalore-99,
Karnataka. Mobile : 9448236908
Email: sailawassociates997@gmail.com
Date: 12.05.2026 Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO INFORM GENERAL PUBLIC THAT MY CLIENTS Sri.Ramalingam J S/o Late:Jagannath, and Sri.R.Sharavana S/o Sri.Ramalingam J, RESIDING AT No.155, 4th Cross, Nagappa Block, Srirampura, Bangalore-21, INTENDS TO PURCHASE the Property bearing Municipal No.36/2, PID No.8-10-36/2, and Municipal No.36/6, PID No.8-10-36/6, Old Municipal No.280/36/2, Situated at 4th Cross, Nagappa Block, Lakshminarayanapura, formed out of Sy.No.51, Kethamaranahalli, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Measuring East to West (38 + 40)/2 feet and North to South 60-0 feet. in all total 2340 Square feet and along with A.C.Sheet roofing building and bounded on the : East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Conservancy, FROM SMT.JAGADAMBAL AND HER CHILDREN.

IF ANY PERSON/S, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS / LICENCED MONEY LENDERS , BANKS, CORPORATIONS, SUPPLIERS, CREDITORS, ANY SUITS, ANY STAKE HOLDERS, ETC HAVING ANY INTEREST, OBJECTIONS, CLAIMS, RIGHTS OR INTEREST OF WHATSOEVER MANNER IN THE ABOVE SAID PROPERTY. THE SAME MAY BE LODGED / APPEAR BEFORE ME WITH THE UNDERSIGNED WITH IN 30 DAYS ALONG WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENT/S AS EVIDENCE. IF NO OBJECTIONS OR CLAIMS ARE LODGED WITH THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN THE SAID PERIOD, MY CLIENT WILL PROCEED THE PURCHASE OF THE ABOVE FLAT TREATING THAT THERE IS /ARE NO CLAIMS & NO CLAIMS SHALL BE ENTERTAINED LATER NOR SUCH CLAIMS WILL BE BINDING ON THE FLAT OF MY CLIENT.

DATE :12/05/2026
PLACE : BANGALORE

R SHARAVANA
Mobile 9972651299

B.Y.GIRISH, Advocate
Mobile 9448841116

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lost of Share certificates No. 003122 & 003123 and Security Deposit Receipts Nos. 002580 002581 for equity shares of CENTURY GALAXY DEVELOPERS LIMITED for 2640 & 400 Shares in the name of Mrs. Manna Jugal Shah. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said shares should lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office at B Tower, 9th Floor, Corporate Block, Diamond District, Kodihally, Bangalore - 560008 within 15 days from the date of this advertisement, else the Company will proceed to issue Duplicate share certificates.

Date : 11/05/2026 Place: Bangalore

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Lottegollahalli (Maruthi Nagar) (2834)
# 9, Chamundi Complex, Ring Road,
Maruthi Nagar, Near Lakshmi Garage,
RMV II Stage, Lottegollahalli-560094.

CORRIGENDUM

Date: **22.04.2026** In the Demand notice of the property relating to the names of the borrowers **M/s. Mahasri Pharma** published in the same newspaper, in the said notice, In the last paragraph it as mentioned 60 days Demand notice it as wrongly printed. Expect that shall read as notice **under Hypotheation (Stock) 30 days notice, due date on-22/05/26** & there are no other changes.

Date : 11.05.2026 **Sd/- Authorised officer**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -1
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A.NO. 1543/2024
A/c No. 922030054268915

BETWEEN :
AXIS BANK LTD., **...Applicant**
AND
MOHBATA RAM **...Defendants**
To,

Sri. Mohbata Ram, Proprietor of Bajrang Metal S/o Sri. Sanvala Ram, Aged about 28 years, Ground Floor, No.62, Andrahalli Main Road, Near Mahaveer Apartment, D Group Layout, Lingadeeranahalli, Bengaluru 560091 **Also At : Sri. Mohbata Ram,** Proprietor of Bajrang Metal, S/o Sri. Sanvala Ram, No.87, 1st Cross, 3rd Main, Natakada, Channappa Layout, D Ground Layout, Andrahalli, Bengaluru-560091.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs.36,16,146/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Sixteen Thousand One Hundred And Forty Six Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **30.07.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **04.05.2026.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client **Smt.R.Ammulu** is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule Property.

The Original (1)Sale deed dated 12.12.2003 Document No.25136/2003-2004, (2) Rectification deed on dated 04.03.2005 & Document No.KEN-1-44519-2004-05, (3) Gift deed dated 29.06.2015, & Doc No.BSG-1-02008-2015-16, in respect of Property bearing No.2, Old No.34/2, Sy.No.34T K Thimmaraya Gowda Layout Ittamadu Bangalore Measuring East to west Northern Side 29ft, & Southern Side 25ft, and North to south 30ft, is misplaced/lost by client. In this connection, a police complaints has been lodged on dated 09.05.2026 vide Acknowledgement of Police Complaint vide Lost Report No. 2194034/2026, 2194049/2026, 2194066/2026.

Any Person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within **15 days** from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall be doing so at him /their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.2, Old No.34/2, Sy.No.34T K Thimmaraya Gowda Layout Ittamadu Bangalore Measuring East to west Northern Side 29ft, & Southern Side 25ft, and North to south 30ft, in all Measuring 810Sq.ft, and bounded on:

East by : 20ft, Road
West by : Property of Jayabore Gowda
North by : Site No.03
South by : Site No.01

Aswath B, Advocate
#36 (317/C), 9th A Main, 40th Cross,
5th Block, Jayanagara Bangalore -560041
Contact No : 9901944099
E-mail: aswath.bb@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to general public that I, **SANTHOSH MAHADEVAIAH @ SANTHOSH.M,** S/o.Sri.H.C.Mahadevaiah, No.41, 5th Cross, KSRTC Layout, JP Nagar 2nd phase, Bangalore-560078 represents that the original allotment letter, possession certificate and original sale deed dated 26/12/1979 with respect to schedule property, are not available with me, as the same remained with the purchaser of the western portion of the property. Further, the original Registered Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds dated 04/03/2016 executed in favour of State Bank of India (SBI), and the Registered Discharge Deed dated 07/12/2019 issued by SBI, have been misplaced/lost and are not traceable despite diligent search..

Any person or persons claiming any interest on the under mentioned property or any part thereof, is hereby called upon to file their claim/objections to me with documentary evidence or find the said original is hereby requested to return the same or inform it to the undersigned within **15 days.**

Hence the general public is hereby notified not to transact on the basis of the said document. In spite of it, in case of any transaction is made on the basis of the said document they will be doing at their own risk and they shall not be having any rights and I am not responsible for it whatsoever.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing Eastern portion of old site No.260, New No.260/A, having EPID No.2896507438 , formed by the KSRTC Employees Co-operative Housing Society, Nayanappasettypalya Marenahalli (Sarakki II Phase, presently at 7th Main Road, KSRTC Layout, JP Nagar, 2nd phase, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 ft or 9.14 mtrs and North to South 40 ft or 12.19 mtrs, totally measuring 111.41 Sq,mtrs including residential building thereon & bounded by

East by : Site No.261
West by : Western portion of site No.260
North by : Site No.159
South by : Road

SANTHOSH MAHADEVAIAH
@ SANTHOSH.M,
Date: 11/05/2026

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CANCELLATION OF E- AUCTION

The Bank has published SARFAESI E-auction/sale notice dated **05.05.2026** for sale of property in the newspaper namely **"The New Indian Express" and "UDAYAKALA-BENGALURU"** dated **06.05.2026** for E-auction Scheduled on 29.05.2026 with regard to sale of property situated at Laggere village and Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore in the NPA account **M/s. Royal Concorde Educational Trust.**

We hereby inform that due to administrative exigencies, said auction notice dated **05.05.2026,** stands withdrawn and cancelled and any communication to parties/public by the Bank regarding the above notice shall be considered as withdrawn.

New sale notice will be publish in due course.

Date : 11-05-2026 **Authorized Officer,**
Place : Chennai **Punjab National Bank**

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(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.2, 2/1 and 2/3, Kalidasa Marg, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar
Bengaluru - 560 009. Phone No. 080-22265383, website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-02/180-2/2026-27 **Date: 11.05.2026**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid License issued from KPWD, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the Work : Formation of industrial layout including formation of 30m wide roads of flexible pavement, construction of RCC side drains, RCC box culverts, RCC utility ducts, HDPE water supply pipelines etc at Ittagatti (Sector-2) Industrial Area in Dharwad Taluk & District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **04.06.2026** upto **4.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-2,
KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/602/Zen/2026-27

Government of Odisha
E-mail.ID-sectcrb_2006@yahoo.co.in, Tel/Fax--0671/2301751/2302751

OFFICE ORDER NO.2553 Dt.05.05.2026
2nd Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. CCE.Ctc.(R&B) 18/-2025-26

34001/186/2627 Tender Reference-No. CCE.Ctc.(R&B)18/-2025-26.

In Sl. No.3 to 9, the Bid availability period and Date of opening of the tenders have been modified due to unavoidable circumstances The modified dates are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Bid Identification No.	Bid Availability as per Tender Notice	Revised Bid Availability period	Bid opening Date as per Tender Notice	Revised opening Date.
1	CCE.Ctc (R&B) 18/ 2025-26	08.05.2026 to 5.30 Hours of 22.05.2026	18.05.2026 to 5.30 Hourrs of 02.06.2026	25.05.2026 at 11.00 Hours	03.06.2026 at 11.00 Hours

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. Further details can be seen from the website **http://tendersodisha.gov.in.**

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Civil)
Cuttack(R&B)Circle

OIPR-34001/34012/1/26-27/0008

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR.
AT-CHANDIKHOLE, PO-SUNGUDA, JAJPUR -754296, Email:serw_kpd@yahoo.com

No. Tender Online RCK-08/26 Letter No.- 2592 **Date :- 29.04.2026**
25001/110/2526 **e-Procurement Notice**

1. Name of the work : Tender for the Bridge works under SBY in the Dist. of Kendrapara & Jajpur
2. Class of Contractor : As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure
3. Time of Completion : As specified in the Column-8 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure Attached
5. Other Details:

Procurement Officer	Bid identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of opening tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle Kendrapara-Jajpur	Tender online RCK-08/26	14.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M	29.05.2026 to 01.00 P.M	29.05.2026 up to 01.00 P.M	30.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M	will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur

OIPR-25001/25129/1/26-27/0004

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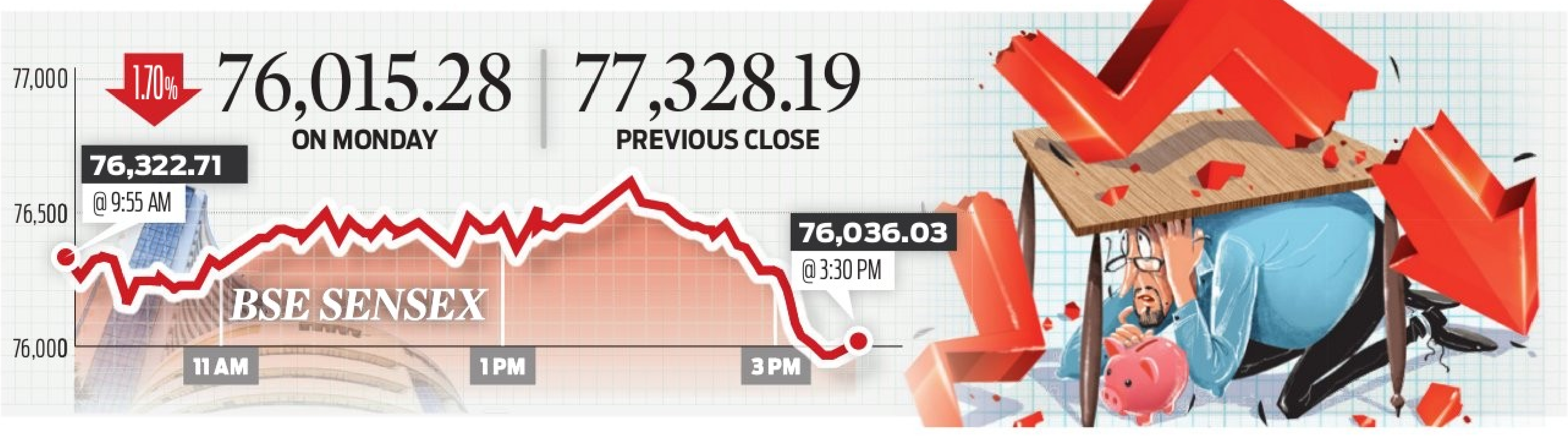
Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD*			SILVER*		FOREX	
1312.91	Sensex	76,015.28	₹220	24 carat (10 gm)	₹1,39,650	1 kg	₹275,000	Dollar	95.30
360.30	Nifty	23,815.85	₹200	22 carat (10 gm)	₹152,130	10 gm	₹2,750	Euro	112.15

*Delhi Mandi Price

PM's austerity appeal and delay in US-Iran peace deal singe markets, rupee falls to its new low; OMCs looks at government for relief from mounting losses

Monday bloodbath: Investors lose ₹6.5 lakh cr as mkts crash



ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

INDIA'S equity markets fell sharply on Monday amid rising crude oil prices, following no breakthrough in the US-Iran peace talks. Relentless selling by foreign institutional investors (FIIs) and a continuous decline in rupee further impacted sentiment. At close, the BSE Sensex declined 1,312.91 points to settle at 76,015.28, while the NSE Nifty50 closed at 23,815.85.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms came down to ₹467 lakh crore from ₹473.5 lakh crore in the previous session, making investors poorer by about ₹6.5 lakh crore in a single session. Brent crude surge 4% spiked to $105/barrel, potentially aggravating the current account deficit. Higher oil prices for an import-dependent nation such as India are likely to translate into higher inflation in the coming months, exerting pressure on currency stability and corporate margins, thereby impacting overall equity market sentiment.

Shares of Titan Company, Kalyan Jewellers India, Senco Gold, Sky Gold and Diamonds, PC Jewellers and other gold and jewellery stocks crashed up to 12% on Monday morning after Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged people to postpone gold purchases, among other measures to save foreign exchange due to the crisis. Aviation stocks also took a sharp hit as Modi advised Indian to avoid foreign trip for a month.

This comes as a big setback for investors in gold & jewellery stocks who were anticipating a recovery after the dismal festive season of 2025. In the aviation pack, SpiceJet and IndiGo fell about 5% each. Investors also dumped Consumer Durables, Realty, PSU Banks, and Oil & Gas stock with their respective indices falling between 2% and 4%

"The benchmark index slipped below the 24,000-mark (Nifty) as renewed Gulf tensions, following Trump's rejection of Iran's peace proposal, weighed on investor sentiment. The cautious mood deepened after the PM's appeal to conserve energy and avoid non-essential foreign travel, prompting investors to reassess the economic impact of higher crude prices, INR weakness, and pressure on the CAD," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited.

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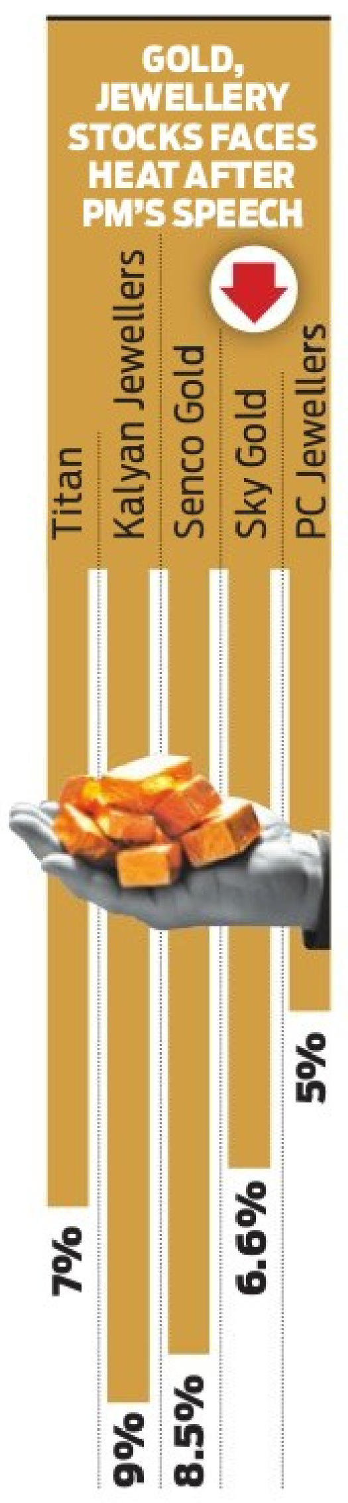
GOLD, JEWELLERY STOCKS FACES HEAT AFTER PM'S SPEECH



Rupee hits another low of 95.31/USD; falls 39 paise

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE Indian currency tanked 82 paise on Monday closing at record low of 95.31 after the US rejected Iran's response to the peace proposal, following which crude prices jumped to $105.5 a barrel. The rupee's previous worst closing low was on May 4, when it plunged 39 paise to close below 95 for the first time at 95.23.

PM Narendra Modi's call to avoid buying gold and embrace austerity measures like work from home further dented market sentiments.

A strengthening dollar and steep foreign capital outflows further pressured the local unit, forex traders said, adding the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 98.20, up 0.20%.

It can be noted that foreign investors have taken out a whopping ₹2.06 lakh crore between January 2 and May 8 from the market. In 2025, they had pulled out ₹1.7 lakh crore.

The Indian rupee, became the worst performing currency among emerging markets, opened the day crashing a whopping 139 paise to 94.90 as oil market was on fire already.

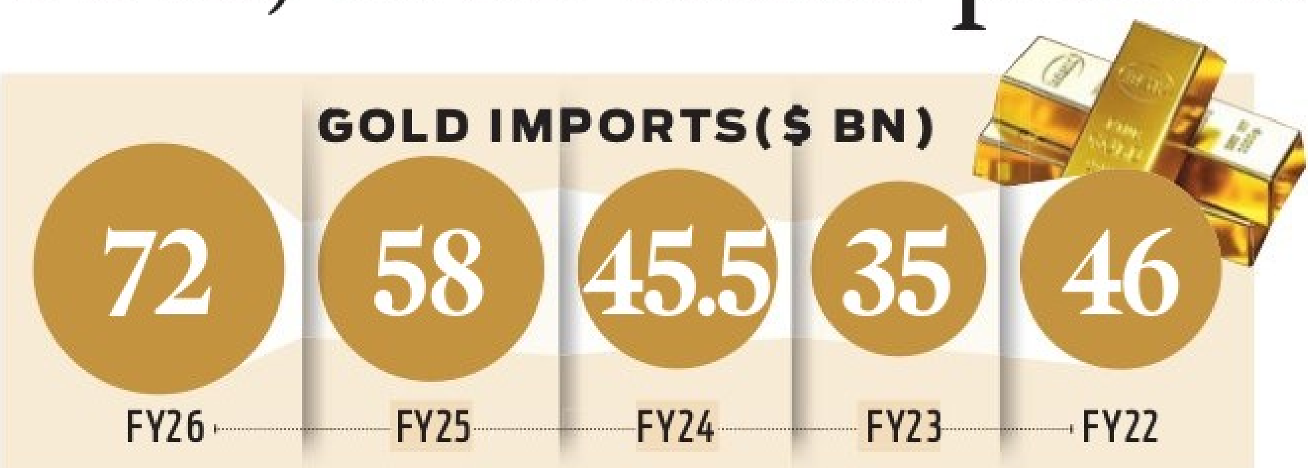
Gold import bill, UAE trade pact under focus

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S rising dependence on imported gold has come under sharp focus after Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged citizens to avoid buying gold for a year in the national interest, amid concerns over mounting pressure on the country's foreign exchange reserves and trade balance.

According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India's gold import bill rose 24% in FY26 to $72 billion, underlining the growing pressure bullion purchases are exerting on the country's external account.

GOLD IMPORTS($ BN)



On May 10, Modi had urged citizens to postpone non-essential gold purchases.

The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) allows gold imports from the UAE at tariffs one percentage point lower than the standard import duty through a Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) mechanism. The quota began at 120 tonnes annually and is set to rise to 200 tonnes from 2027, covering nearly a quarter of India's gold imports. The concessional window became even more attractive after India slashed the standard gold import duty from 15% to 6% in the Union Budget 2024. This effectively reduced the duty on eligible UAE-origin gold imports to 5%.

However, the sources have said there is no immediate plan to increase the import duty on gold and silver to curb the imports. India also permitted private firms and jewellers to directly import bullion through the India International Bullion Exchange at GIFT City, further easing access to overseas gold supplies. India's gold bar imports from the UAE jumped from $2.9 billion in 2022 to to $16.5 billion in 2025.

DISRUPTION

Centre may review fuel prices as OMCs stare at losses over Iran crisis

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

AMID growing speculation of a possible increase in petrol and diesel prices, the Union Petroleum Ministry has said that the government is reviewing the situation on all fronts, including fuel pricing.

According to a senior Ministry official, the government is carrying out regular assessments after the closure of the Strait of Hormuz severely impacted the supply of crude oil and gas in the country.

The Strait is a key energy chokepoint for India, accounting for nearly 40% of the country's crude oil imports, 50% of LNG imports and almost 90% of LPG supplies. The official said under-recoveries of oil marketing companies (OMCs) are expected to touch nearly ₹2 lakh crore in Q1 FY27, while projected losses could rise to around ₹1 lakh crore.

Meanwhile, Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said in a social media post that India's energy sector is currently absorbing the brunt of the global crisis. He said that oil marketing companies are purchasing crude oil, gas and LPG at elevated global prices but are continuing to sell petroleum products at lower rates to shield consumers, resulting in mounting financial stress. He said the OMCs are currently facing losses of up to ₹1,000 crore per day.

According to him, the OMCs have ensured uninterrupted energy imports and supply despite the crisis. "We have managed to protect the more than 60 million consumers who visit the retail stations everyday," Puri said, adding that the Centre had also reduced excise duties on retail fuels, leading to a monthly revenue loss of around ₹14,000 crore. "Even after this decision, estimated OMC under-recoveries during this quarter itself are expected to surge to ₹2 lakh crore and losses are expected to be around ₹1 lakh crore," he added.

FISCAL STRESS

1. Under-recoveries of OMCs may touch nearly ₹2 lakh cr
2. Projected losses could rise to around ₹1 lakh crore

IT sector not in favour of reverting back to WFH

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

REACTING to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for revival of work-from-home arrangement, Information and Technology (IT) industry body Nasscom has indicated that companies are already adopting calibrated approaches based on operational needs.

In a statement on Monday, Nasscom said the technology industry continues to operate on well-established hybrid work models, with organisations balancing work-from-home and in-office arrangements depending on role requirements and customer needs. "In light of the ongoing Middle East tensions, companies have adopted prudent energy management measures across campuses, including optimising non-essential consumption, rationalising select facility services, and enabling remote or hybrid work where operationally appropriate to reduce overall energy usage and commuting," Nasscom said.

The industry body added that such measures are part of the sector's broader operational resilience and sustainability framework, supported by distributed delivery models and business continuity systems developed over the years.

It also said it is closely monitoring developments and remains engaged with industry stakeholders and government authorities.

Meanwhile IT employees' association — Nascent Information Technology Employees Senate (NITES) — has written to union labour and employment minister Mansukh Mandaviya seeking an advisory directing IT/ITeS companies to implement mandatory WFH wherever feasible.

US FTA likely after USTR investigations

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

A US trade delegation is likely to visit India soon for the next round of negotiations on the proposed bilateral trade agreement (BTA), with discussions expected to cover all pending issues, including Washington's Section 301 investigations against India, a source in the commerce ministry said.

However, the trade deal is unlikely to be finalised until the investigations under Section 301 of the US Trade Act are completed, the source added.

"The US team will visit India next. The dates are yet to be finalised. The deal will most likely happen after the investigation under Section 301 is over," the source said.

India and the US have been negotiating a bilateral trade agreement aimed at deepening economic ties and resolving longstanding market access concerns. However, negotiations became more complicated after the United States Trade Representative (USTR) initiated investigations against India under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. The probes were launched after the US Supreme Court, in February, declared reciprocal tariffs illegal.

The USTR investigations focus on allegations related to "structural excess capacity" in labour-intensive sectors such as steel, textiles and solar modules. The US has also accused India of enabling production through forced labour practices and overcapacity creation.

India Inc bats for economic resilience, energy security

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw (2nd from right) and Sunil Bharti Mittal, chairman, Baharti Enterprises (3rd from Right) at a CII event in New Delhi on Monday

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

At a time when the West Asia crisis is disrupting global energy markets and supply chains, India Inc's leaders like Gautam Adani, Sunil Bharti Mittal on Monday called for greater economic resilience, reduced import dependence and accelerated investments in domestic capabilities, to align India Inc's goal with the Centre's push for self-reliance.

Speaking at the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Annual Business Summit 2026 in New Delhi, the Adani Group chairman said the world order was undergoing a structural transformation where national security and economic policy were becoming deeply intertwined. "The world that is emerging is not flat. It is fractured," Adani said, noting that supply chains were increasingly being redesigned around national priorities while energy, semiconductors, AI and data had become strategic assets.

Referring to the ongoing conflict in West Asia and attacks on critical infrastructure, Adani said, "The country that controls its energy will power its industrial future. The country that controls its compute will power its intelligence future. And the country that controls both will shape the century ahead." He added that the Adani Group's commitment towards the energy transition stands at $100 billion.

Echoing similar concerns, Sunil Bharti Mittal said the turmoil in West Asia had placed "tremendous pressure" on global economies, including India, through disruptions in crude oil and gas supplies. "We can't escape the difficulties that the world is facing currently on economic terms," Mittal said.

He also backed PM Narendra Modi's recent appeal to conserve fuel and curb non-essential imports, including gold purchases. He said industry had a responsibility to amplify the message among millions of employees and consumers.

"We need to get away from this obsession with import of gold. We need to lower our energy costs. We need to move faster towards renewable energy in our industry," he said.

Adding to the industry's concerns over growing geoeconomic fragmentation, Shaktikanta Das, Principal Secretary to the PM called on Indian companies to shift from "cost minimisation" to "resilience maximisation".

Das outlined a seven-point strategy for industry, including stronger balance sheets, diversified supply chains and markets , investment in R&D, and workforce reskilling.

'Heavy pressure on world economies'

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TOYOTA TO PRODUCE 1 LAKH CARS IN MAHA

Toyota has two plants in Karnataka

At present, the maker of Fortuner Innova Hycross model has two plants located in Bidadi (Karnataka) with an annual installed capacity of 3.42 lakh vehicles/year. In 2023, TKM announced fresh investments of about ₹3,300 crore for a new third plant in Bidadi facility.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TOYOTA Kirloskar Motor (TKM) on Monday announced plans to build a new vehicle manufacturing plant in the Bidkin Industrial Area of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar district, Maharashtra. The new plant is planned to start production in the first half of 2029 and is aimed to strengthen Toyota's business foundation in the Indian market. The company said that the plant would have an annual production capacity of 1,00,000 vehicles and employ around 2,800 people at the start of operations.

Toyota did not disclose whether the new plant announced is part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) it signed with the State government in 2024 to set up a ₹20,000 crore manufacturing facility in the district. It was then reported that the factory, which is expected to roll out 4 lakh cars per annum, will be used by TKM to manufacture electric and hybrid cars.

TKM stated that the new plant will be positioned to steadily deliver vehicles not only to customers in India but also to customers in surrounding regions. "Toyota will continue strengthening its production structure to enable flexible response to future demand growth and market changes in India and surrounding regions," it said in a statement.

MFs' assets rise 11% to ₹81.9 lakh crore in April even as equity inflows fall 5%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE assets under management of mutual funds rose 11.2% to ₹81.92 lakh crore in April compared to ₹73.73 lakh crore in March, driven by strong equity inflows, sustained SIP contributions and mark-to-market gains, showed Association of Mutual Funds of India (AMFI).

The rise is despite 3% fall in SIP inflows to ₹31,115 crore and a 5% decline in inflows into equity-oriented funds.

Equity MFs extended their winning streak, recording the 62nd consecutive month of positive inflows since March 2021 at ₹38,440 crore in April.

Overall, the industry recorded net inflows of ₹3.22 lakh crore in April, sharply reversing the net outflows of ₹2.40 lakh crore in March as the market bled around 11%. The turnaround was largely led by strong inflows into debt-oriented schemes and improved investor participation across categories at the start of the new financial year, Amfi chief executive officer Venkat Chalasani told reporters.

"The number of contributing SIP accounts remained steady at 9.65 crore, underlining the growing trust in mutual funds as a disciplined investment vehicle."

Debt funds saw a sharp rebound in the month, attracting net inflows of Rs 2.47 trilli0n, primarily driven by liquid funds, overnight funds and other short-duration schemes, he said. Overall folios rose to 27.53 crore up from 27.39 crore with 13.77 lakh net folios being added in the month.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that the original ALLOTMENT LETTER REF NO : 425/ HRBR -11/ 8485, Application No.8251 and POSSESSION CERTIFICATE bearing P.R. No. 318 : 86-87, dated.21.03.1986, for site No.5AM-425 formed by Bangalore Development Authority, situated at Block No. IInd in Hennur Road Banaswadi Road-Extension, Bangalore has been lost. In this regard a complaint has already been registered with the Jurisdictional Police. Finders are hereby requested to return the same to the undersigned.

Sd/- **Shiva Kumar Law Firm,**
Advocates and Legal Consultants
No.2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, HRBR
1st Block, Kalynagar, Bangalore-32.
(Next to Banaswadi Sub Registrar Office)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that the Schedule Property is the subject matter of litigation pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in Regular First Appeal No.773/2026 in the matter between Sri. V. P. Chengalroya Naidu also known as V. P. C. Naidu, since deceased (represented by his legal heirs) & others vs Sri. Gopal Krishna & others. It is further notified that Sri. Gopal Krishna & Others are making hectic efforts to create third part rights, in the schedule property.

Therefore, the general public, banks, financial institutions, developers, purchasers, and all persons interacting/ claiming through them are hereby cautioned and informed not to purchase, acquire, mortgage, lease, encumber, develop, enter into any agreement, or otherwise deal with the Schedule property in any manner whatsoever. The three (3) Star iconic landmark " Hotel Ajantha" is one of the properties situated in the Schedule property.

Any person dealing with the schedule property shall do so entirely at his/her/their own risk, costs, and consequences.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land with all the buildings and other constructions thereon, presently bearing Municipal No. 22/A. Mahatma Gandhi Road, formerly No. 3/1. Ashley Road, situated in Civil Station. Bengaluru measuring East by: 225 ft. West by 208ft. North by: 208 ft 6 inches, South by: 76 ft plus 145ft totally admeasuring 46620 sq.ft and bounded on the:-

East by : Property bearing Municipal No. 22.
West by : Property bearing No. 6, Brunton Road.
North by : M. G. Road and Brunton House No.8 & Ashley Road
South by : Ashley Road and premises bearing No. 2. Ashley Road

With Private Road from M.G. Road to the Property measuring 420 ft by 20 ft.

SHOBHA BHAVIKATTI
ADVOCATE & MEDIATOR
LEGALIS
No.308, 3rd Floor, Brigade Towers,
Brigade Road, Bengaluru:560 025.
Place:- Bengaluru Date: - 11.05.2026

TRACO CABLE COMPANY LIMITED

(A Kerala Government Company)
Kochi, Kerala State
Tel: 9495256896/9496292907
head.purchase@tracocable.com

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOI is invited through E-tender system from the experts for shifting of cable manufacturing machines from Irimpanam to Thiruvalla unit and to be installed there. The details can be downloaded from **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in, www.tracocable.com.** The last date of receipt of EOI is on or before **20-05-2026.**

Managing Director, Traco Cable Company Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that **Smt. Amrita Mehta W/o Kavin Kailash Mehta,** residing at 169, AECS Layout, Rajmahal 2nd Stage, 2nd Cross, 1st Main, Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru-560 094, Mob: 63644-66230; is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from Mr. BINAY RAGHURAM SHETTY.

That, the above said owner claims that he has good marketable title and the schedule property is free from all encumbrances, charge, lien, disputes etc. Hence, the General Public are hereby informed that if any individual or company has any objection or claim or interest over the schedule property in any manner to contact either me or my client, with supporting documents **within 14 days** from the date of this publication, failing which it will be presumed that no one has any type of objection or claim over the schedule property and my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Villa no.37, bearing khata no.113/37, measuring 5000 sft, a four bedroom villa comprising of Ground+1 floor with super built up area of 4303 sft with marble flooring & wooden doors and aluminium glazed windows in a layout known as "Sobha Lifestyle" situated at Thimmegowdana hosahalli village, Kannamangala village panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural, (Out of 165 villa plots developed in converted land measuring 28 acres & 1 gunta in sy no's 30,33,34/1, 34/2, 35,55,61 and 26 acres 17 guntas in sy no's 29,35,53,57,76,36/2,37,30/1 & 65) and bounded by as following; **East:** Plot No.38, **West:** Plot No.36, **South:** Plot No.30, **North:** Road

K.Ramireddy, Advocate
BG-18, V.S Chalet Apartments,
Opp.Orchids International School
LB Shastri Nagar, Off Old Airport Road
Bangalore – 560017, Mob: 96632-33335
Email: krami123@gmail.com; amritamehta02@gmail.com

Place: Bangalore, Date 11-05-2026

IN THE COURT OF THE XXVII ADDL.
CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE
AT BENGALURU (CCH-09)

O.S. 4331/2025

Plaintiff : Anju Mary Mathew, D/o Late K.M. Mathews, aged about 40 years, residing at Flat No. 3, No. 409, 4th B Main Road, HRBR Layout, 2nd Cross, Bengaluru-560043.

v/s

Defendant : Khushboo Ranka and anr

NOTICE / SUMMONS
TO THE DEFENDANT No. 2

To, **Ziyu Homes Pvt Ltd** Represented by its Director Mr. Ahmed Ali Baig, No. 485, SN Tower, 2nd Floor, HBR 3rd Block, Bengaluru-560043.

Whereas the above named plaintiff instituted a suit against you for declaration and injunction with respect to refund of Rs 13,00,000/-

You are hereby summoned to appear before this court **on 01/06/2026 at 11 am** in person or through advocate/pleader to answer to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All piece and parcel of the immovable property being a 2 BHK Apartment bearing Flat No.3, situated on the 3rd Floor of the residential building at No. 4BM-409, 2nd Block, HRBR BDA Layout, Kacharakanahalli-560043, which is occupied by the Plaintiff.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 30th day of April 2026.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Plaintiff : **Chhaya K**
No. 15, 6th Main, Palace Guttahalli,
Bengaluru-560003.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have jointly negotiated for the purchase of Schedule Property from It's owner **SMT. RISHWA SINHA** Wife of Sri. Shekhar Yadav, Persons having any claims in respect of the Schedule Property or Objections to it's sale, are requested to lodge their claims/objections if any before the undersigned within 7 days in writing or otherwise sale will be completed presuming that the schedule property is free from any claims.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing vacant Site No. 18 (Southern Portion), New EPID Khatha No.4129408236, Property No. 2217/1683/9/1/18, Old Khata No. 9/1/18, Then Khatha No. 1683/9/1/18, Situated at Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now Yelahanka Taluk, The property presently comes under the limits of Bengaluru North City Corporation, Ward No.5-Jakkuru, measuring East to West 42 Feet, North to South 28 Feet, Totally measuring 1176 Square Feet and bounded as follows:

East by : Road,
West by : Private Property,
North by : Remaining Portion of the same Site No.18 belongs to Sri. Narasimha Murthy,
South by: Site No. 17.

M.P. BASAVARAJU, Advocate
No. 21, 2nd Cross, Suryodaya Layout, Dr. SRK Nagara post, Bengaluru-560 077.
Mob : 9343080909

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, "MESCOM BHAVANA", Bejai, Mangalore - 575 004
Ph: 0824-2885796 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No: MESCOM/SEE(Proj)/EE(APR)/2026-27/637 Date: 08.05.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP Mode Only)

MESCOM invites tender for the work of Formation of new 11kV Natekal Feeder for bifurcation of existing 11 kV Punacha feeder emanating from 110/11 kV Vitla SS in Vitla Subdivision, Bantwala Division on total turnkey basis vide bid enquiry no. **MESCOM/2026-27/EL/WORK_INDENT459.**

The interested eligible bidders may log on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **14.05.2026.**

Sd/-,
Superintending Engineer (Ele) (Projects)

DIPR/DK/KSMCA/188/26-27
dt: 11.05.2026

For Power Related Complaints contact:
MESCOM Helpline: 1912
9483041912 mescom_official mescom_official

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal Only)

E-Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement portal (Website URL: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for the following Procurements.

RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION

I. **KPCL/2026-27/IND2612** for Procurement of Workshop tools required for RTPS. **EMD** Rs. 12,000/-. **2) KPCL/2026-27/IND2613** for Procurement of different types of tools & inserts for RTPS. **EMD** Rs. 4,500/-. **3) KPCL/2026-27/IND2614** for Procurement of High Pressure Pump for BM-2 of RTPS. **EMD** Rs. 36,000/-. **4) KPCL/2026-27/IND2615** for Procurement of Matti Wooden Planks for BM-2 of RTPS. **EMD** Rs.10,000/-. **5)KPCL/2025-26/IND2287/CALL-2** for Procurement of Adhesives for BM-2 of RTPS. **EMD** Rs.2,500/-. **6) KPCL/2025-26/IND2219/CALL-3** for Procurement of Hydraulic Jack 50 Ton Capacity for BM-1 of RTPS. **EMD** Rs. 1,500/-. **7) KPCL/2025-26/IND2566** for Procurement of Hydrastep Electrodes for Unit 4 RTPS. **EMD** Rs. 6,400/-. Last date & time for receipt of tenders : for Sl. No.1 14.05.2026 16:00 & for Sl. No. 2 , 3 & 4 - 18.05.2026, 16:00, for Sl. No. 5, 6 & 7 - 21.05.2026, 16:00. Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer (Purchase), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist. Raichur, Cell: 9449597966, e-Mail : eeprtps@gmail.com

II. **KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4136 Dated 06.05.2026** for Monitoring and Removal of jammed Wet coal in mill feeders, Bowl milis, Center feed pipe feeder chute in Unit-2. 3 & 4(XRP/HP-803 Mills). **EMD :** Rs. 32,253/-. Last date & time for receipt of tenders : 21.05.2026, 16:00. Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer (MM-1), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist. Raichur, Cell: 9449597979.

BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION

1) No. KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4134 Dtd: 06.05.2026 for Repair/reconditioning of silo rotary feeder assembly and its accessories at silo-3 of Unit-2 AHP, BTPS. **Total Tender Amount :** Rs.5,58,750/-. **Last date fo receipt of tenders :** 14.05.2026, 17.30 Hrs. Father details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer (AHP)-1, BTPS, KPCl, Kudathini 583152, Bellary (District). Contact Mobile Number +919448290768.

सेन्ट्रल माईन प्लानिंग एण्ड डिजाईन इन्स्टीच्यूट लिमिटेड
CENTRAL MINE PLANNING AND DESIGN INSTITUTE LIMITED
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)
Gondwana Place, Kanke Road, Ranchi - 834008, Jharkhand, India

NOTICE

"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on websites of Coal India Ltd. **www.coalindia.in**/respective Subsidiary Company (CMPDI, **www.cmpdi.co.in**), CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in.** In addition, procurement is also done through GeM Portal **https://gem.gov.in.**"

RELIGARE FINVEST LTD

CIN:U74999DL1995PLC064132
Regd. Office : "First Floor, Office No. 101, 2E/23, Jhandewalan Extn. New Delhi-110055
Corporate office : 7th Floor, Max House, Block A, Dr.Jha Marg, Okhla Phase III, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi - 110 020
BRANCH OFFICE: No.421/G, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, 1st Stage, Indiranagar, Krishna Temple Road, Opposite to SBI Branch, Bengaluru- 560038

APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6) & proviso to Rule 9(1)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisos to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgager(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor i.e. M/s Religare Finvest Ltd. (in short 'RFL'), the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the authorized officer of RFL, **will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS" and "NO RECOURSE"** basis through E-Auction. The E - Auction shall be conducted only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through website **https://www.bankeauctions.com/ on 09.06.2026 from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.** with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes duration each for recovery of **₹ 71,51,858.96** (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Eight and Ninety Six Paise Only) **as on 08.05.2026** along with up to date, interest, costs and charges due to the RFL from the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) **namely 1)Shiva Parameshwari Floriculture, 2) Mr. Muniraju P and 3)Mrs. Nagaveni**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Site No.25,** Municipal Assessment Khataserial No. 1414/4539/25, G Srinivasa Layout, Near Thimmarayaswamy Layout, **Ward No.6/5, Anekal Town Bangalore District, Bangalore, Karnataka,** Presently within the Limits of BBMP, Presently belonging to M.Manjunath, S/o.P.Muniraju. Bounded as under: East By: Private Property (Raja Kaluvey), West By: Site No.26, North By: Private Layout, South By: 20 Feet Road.

The Reserve Price will be ₹ **26,30,374/-**
and the **Earnest Money Deposit** will be ₹ **2,63,038/-**

Date & Time of Auction: 09.06.2026
From 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m
Portal of E-Auction: https://www.bankeauctions.com

Known Encumbrances

RFL is not aware of any encumbrances on the secured asset to be sold. Interested parties should make their own assessment of the secured asset to their satisfaction. Secured Creditor (RFL) does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the aforesaid secured asset.. Secured Creditor (RFL) does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the aforesaid secured asset.

Other Details of Sale:

1. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on Secured Creditor's website i.e., **https://uat-religarefinvests.webflow.io/auction-notices**
2. For details about E-Auction, the intending bidders may contact M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd through **Mr. Dharani Krishna – Tel. No.: +91 72919 71124,25,26 and Mob: +91-99481 82222; email id – andhra@c1india.com.**
3. The interested parties may contact the following **Authorized Officer Mr. Ansar B S on his Mobile No. 89290 24427 and Mr.R.Manoj Kumar Mobile No. 99404 46070** for further details/ clarifications and for submitting their application/Bid.

Date : 12.05.2026 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **M/s.Religare Finvest Limited**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Canara Bank, ARM Branch I

2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **30.05.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.30 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 6,19,55,175.66/-** (Rupees Six crores Nineteen lakhs Fifty five thousand One hundred and Seventy five and paise Sixty six only) as on 01.05.2026 with further interest and cost thereon to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **1. Shri Sendhil Elumalai** S/o. Elumulai Govindaraj, # 10, O 2nd Street, Near Shree Complex, Shivan Chetty Gardens, Bangalore-560042. **2. M/s. PSB Distributors,** 19/1, Sadashiva Reddy Compound, Behind Baldwin School, R M Nagar Main Road, Banaswadi, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560043. **3. Shri Sendhil Elumalai,** R/o. 401/7, 14th Main, Old Madivala, BTM 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560029, **4. Shri Bhaskar .M,** No. 1534, 39th Cross, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **29.05.2026, 5.00 pm.** **(Rs. in lacs)**

Lot	Description of the immovable/ movable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental value Rs.
1	Flat No. F-402, 3rd floor F block, Sy No. 108/3, 108/2, Measuring super built up area of 1089 Sqft along with 400 Sqft of undivided interest in land at Garden Residency Apartment, Bommasandra, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560099. **Boundries : North :** open to sky of the apartment building, **South :** Common corridor, **East :** open to sky of the apartment building, **West :** Residential apartment privately numbered as F-401. **Coordinates of the property :** **Latitude - 12.8053267N Longitude - 77.6770091**	39.00	3.90	1.00
2	Flat No. F-403 3rd floor F block, Sy. No. 108/3, 108/2, Measuring super built up area of 1089 Sqft along with 400 Sqft of undivided interest in land at Garden Residency Apartment, Bommasandra, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560099. **Boundries : North :** common corridor, **South :** open to sky of the apartment building, **East :** Open to sky of the apartment building, **West :** Residential apartment privately numbered as F-404. **Coordinates of the property :** **Latitude - 12.8053267N Longitude - 77.6770091**	39.00	3.90	1.00
3	Flat No. F-404, 3rd floor, F block, Sy No.108/3, 108/2, Measuring super built up area of 1089 Sqft along with 400 Sqft of undivided interest in land at Garden Residency Apartment, Bommasandra, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560099. **Boundries : North :** common corridor, **South :** open to sky of the apartment building, **East :** Residential apartment privately numbered as F-403, **West :** Lift area. **Coordinates of the property :** **Latitude - 12.8053267N Longitude - 77.6770091**	39.00	3.90	1.00
4	Residential Villa old: property bearing Sy No.119/2 panchayat khatha 92/180 S Medahalli Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore. New: Property bearing Villa No.180/6A, Sarjapur, Athipalli Cross Road, Sarjapur, Bangalore-562124, Extent 3841.66 Sqft. **Boundries : North :** Road, **South :** property bearing Sy No. 117, **East :** property bearing Sy No. 119/1, **West :** property bearing Sy No. 119/3. **Coordinates of the property :** **Latitude - 12.834639 Longitude - 77.780889**	210.00	21.00	1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or **E-Wallet of M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, **Canara Bank, Ph. No. 9901642631 and 9486092152** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 11.05.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Offier**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

PANCHAYATH RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, RAICHUR

No.EE/PRED/RCR/AE/E-Tender/2026-27/02 Date: 08.05.2026

On Turn-key basis Tenders are invited through e-procurement for the following works by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.Division, Raichur on the behalf of Governor of Karnataka, from the contractors registered in PRED as per the schedule given below:

1. Issue of Blank Tender Documents from : 11.05.2026
2. Receipt of completed tender documents : 22.05.2026 up to 4.30 P.M
3. Technical Bid opening on : 25.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M (If possible)
4. Financial Bid opening on : 30.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M (If possible)

Indent Nos:
1. Manvi Taluka: 25542, 25593, 25540, 25406, 25738
2. Sindhanur Taluka: 25075, 25071

Further details can be obtained by logging on the http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- (S. Doreswamy)
Executive Engineer., P.R.E.Divn, Raichur.

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Koramangala Layout Branch (0885)** of the Canara Bank, ARM-1 Branch (2366)**,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **30.05.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 2,49,57,356.65** (Rupees Two Crore Forty Nine Lakh Fifty seven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty six and Paisa Sixty five Only) as on 01-05-2026 with further interest and charges thereon due to the ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from Borrower/s **1. Hariprasad Reddy Gudala Alias Gudala Hariprasad Reddy** S/o. Gudala Radhakrishna Reddy and **2.Gudala Prabhavathi** W/o. Hariprasda Reddy Gudala, **Both are residing at :** Plot No 3, Keerthi Enclave, GNT Road, Old Cotton Mill, Kotapoluru, Nellore, Doravarisatram, Andhra Pradesh - 524123.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **29.05.2026, 4.00 pm.**

Lot	Description of the immovable/ movable assets	Reserve Price (In Lakhs)	EMD (In Lakhs)	Incremental value (In Lakhs)
1	**Schedule "A" :** All that the piece and parcel of property bearing site No.02, now comes under Byatarayanapura BBMP Khata No. 464/14/3/3/02, Jakkur Ward No. 05, Sy. No.14/3, situated at Kogilu Village Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North, present Yelahanka Taluk measuring East to West : 40 feet, North to South : 130 feet, Total 5200 Sq.feet and **bounded on : East by :** Remaining portion of same property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Land belongs to Poojappa's, **South by:** Road. **Name of the Title Holder** : Mr. Hariprasad Reddy Gudala Alias Gudala Hariprasad Reddy S/O. Gudala Radhakrishna Reddy.	363.00	36.30	1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or **E-Wallet of M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, **Canara Bank, Ph. No. 9901642631 and 9486092152, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 11.05.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Offier**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

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Bank of Baroda

West of Chord Road Branch
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NOTICE TO BORROWER

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

'At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its **Bank of Baroda, West of Chord Road Branch.** The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was unserved/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) M/s Warm Bowl Ventures Private Limited (Borrower) Through its Directors (a) Mr. Rohan Purohit and (b) Mrs. Preksha Purohit, Regd Office: Ground Floor, No. 4F-Q1-A Umiya Business Tower 2, Feastigo Food Court Cessna Business Park, Kadubisanahalli Marathahalli Bengaluru-560037. **Factory/Shop Address:** Shop No. 2 CC Food Court Emabassy Tech square Cessna Business Park Kadubeesanahalli Bengaluru 560037. **(2) Mr. Rohan Purohit Director of M/s Warm Bowl Ventures Private Limited,** S/o Sunil Purohit C/o Amber Deep Vyas, 9083 8th Floor 9th Tower Prestige Tranquility Budigere Cross Old Madras road Opp Grindwell Factory Budigere Cross Bommenahalli Bengaluru-560049. **(3) Mrs. Preksha Purohit Director of M/s Warm Bowl Ventures Private Limited,** D/o Ajay Purohit, **(i)** Khanda Falsa Opp. Ek Minar Masjid Nimbla Kua Jodhpur Rajasthan-342001. **(ii)** C/o Amber Deep Vyas, 9083 8th Floor 9th Tower Prestige Tranquility Budigere Cross Old Madras road Opp Grindwell Factory Budigere Cross Bommenahalli Bengaluru- 560049.

Nature and type of facility	Limit	Rates of Interest	O/s as on 28.04.2026 (inc. of int. up to 28.04.26)
Term loan M/s Warm Bowl Ventures Private Limited A/c No: 89960600004025	Rs. 10,50,000/-	10.45%	Rs. 6,43,143.91 + interest and other charges thereon

Security agreement with brief description of securities: Primary : Hypothecation of equipments in food kiosk.
Collateral: Personal guarantee of (a) Mr. Rohan Purohit and (b) Mrs. Preksha Purohit

Amount Outstanding : Rs.6,43,143.91 (Rupees Six Lakh Fourty Three Thousand One Hundred and Forty Three and Ninty One paise Only) (O/s as on 28.04.2026) + interest and other charges thereon.

NPA Date : 25.04.2026 **Demand Date : 29.04.2026**

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 11.05.2026 Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer
Place : Bangalore Bank of Baroda

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Saiyed Allabhakash, S/o. Pyarejan, 2) Mrs. Shaheda, W/o. Pyarejan, 3) Mr. Pyarejan Urf Shekh Pyaru, S/o. Chabusabi	Loan Account No. 47010440000035 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.2360, situated at Sulibele Village, comes within the purview of Sulibele Gramapanchayath, Sulibele Hobli, Hosakote Taluk and Bangalore Rural District, measuring East-West 31 feet, North-South 28 ½ feet, totally measuring 883.5 Sq.feet and **Bounded on: East by:** House of Rahmath Ulla, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property belongs to Shaik Moula, **South by:** Properly belongs to Shaik Amir.	Date of NPA: 03-03-2026 Demand Notice Date: 07.05.2026	**Rs.4,38,789.00** (Rupees Four Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Nine Only) **due as on 05-05-2026** and interest thereon
2	1) Mr. Swami C, S/o. Chinnaswamy, 2) Mrs. Nagamma V	Loan Account No. 45350430000252 Loan Amount: Rs.3,50,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of Property No. 152900203900420055/137/121, measuring East to West 12.8016 Meters and North to South 9.4488 Meters, situated at Kempalanatha Village, Hosadurga Grama Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Property belongs to Swami and Nagamma, **West by:** Property belongs to Swami and Nagamma, **North by:** Public Road, **South by:** Property belongs to Swami and Nagamma.	Date of NPA: 03-03-2026 Demand Notice Date: 07.05.2026	**Rs.2,85,556.81** (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Six and Eighty One Paisa Only) **due as on 05-05-2026** and interest thereon
3	1) Mrs. Girijamma, 2) Mr. Mallesh N	Loan Account No. 47040430000232 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property No.226/1, SI No.45, Measuring East to West 13.7195 meters feet North to South 18.2926 meters, situated at Hukunda Village Hukunda Grama Panchayath, Uyyamballi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Property belongs to Gooli Ninganna, **West by:** Property belongs to Suresh, **North by:** Government Road, **South by:** Property belongs to Kempanna and Kodihalli, Dodda Alahalli Road.	Date of NPA: 04-05-2026 Demand Notice Date: 11-05-2026	**Rs.4,62,810.31** (Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ten and Thirty One Paisa Only) **due as on 05.05.2026**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 11.05.2026, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of The Property
1	Mr.Russell Able Collaco (Borrower)	Loan A/c No. 649098825 Rs.29,58,710/- [Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Ten Only] as on 31.12.2025	27.01.2026	11.05.2026	**Schedule-A:** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land property bearing **Sy.No.70/2,** Khata No.24/70/2/22 (converted vide official Memorandum No.ALN(NAY)/SR/39/2013-14, dated 06.11.2013, measuring 38 guntas situated at Harohalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on : **East by :** Remaining portion of same Sy.No.70/20, **West by** : Land belongs to Sri N.R. Narasimhamurthy, **North by:** Road, **South by**:Land belongs to Sri Subbarayappa **Schedule-B: 487. 36 Square Feet** undivided share,right, title and interest and ownership of land in Schedule A Property. **Schedule-C:** All the piece and parcel of Residential apartment bearing Flat bearing **No.A-23** in the second floor having (2.5 BHK) Two and Half bed rooms, having super built up area of **1219 Sq Ft,** constructed in the apartment building known as **"WHISTLING WOODS"** walls to be constructed with cement and bricks doors to be made of hone wood, steel windows, with vitrified tiles flooring and to be provided with alll civic amenities and together with **one covered car parking area** and with proportionate share in the common area, entrances, stair cases, passages, corridors, lifts etc., provided in the schedule A property and bounded : **East by :**Flat No.B-26, **West by:** Wide Corridor, **North by:** Open to Sky and Lift. **South by:** Open to Sky.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken Symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date : 12.05.2026 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

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Committee formed to probe B'desh's withdrawal from T20 WC

A three-member inquiry committee has been constituted by Bangladesh to probe the reason behind the national cricket team's withdrawal from the ICC men's T20 World Cup in India within 15 days. According to an official government order dated May 10, former additional secretary Dr AKM Oli Ullah will head the panel.

COMEBACK STORY

DESPAIR TO TEAM INDIA DOORSTEP: PADIKKAL'S RISE

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Raipur

Q&A

POST the end of the 2024 Indian Premier League (IPL) season, Devdutt Padikkal was not sure when he would get a gig again. He had endured a horrible season for Lucknow Super Giants; 38 runs across seven games at an average of 5.43. When he left to feature in the Border Gavaskar Trophy in Australia later that year, he had already kind of made peace with what lay ahead. He had mentally told himself that he may not be picked at the mega auction. Royal Challengers Bengaluru signed the southpaw on Day two of the first Test at Perth. Back then, it was assumed that he would be a back-up player. Fast forward 20 months and the transformation is complete. It's no surprise to hear him say "I have ambitions of playing in all three formats," during a select RCB media interaction at the team hotel on Monday. Excerpts:

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
RCB	11	7	4	14	1.113
SRH	11	7	4	14	0.737
GT	11	7	4	14	0.228
PBKS	11	6	4	13	0.428
CSK	11	6	5	12	0.185
RR	11	6	5	12	0.82
DC	12	5	7	10	-0.99
KKR	10	4	5	9	-0.16
MI	11	3	8	6	-0.58
LSG	11	3	8	6	-0.9

Q On his mindset change
Not just my mindset, it's just generally changed among all cricketers. When I started, the template was different. The way you built your innings, the scores you ended up with eventually... 180-190 was considered big and the tempo was different. You have to change now. It's been the same for me and I have made sure that I keep learning. If you don't, you stagnate.

Q On his SR, especially in the first 10 balls
I don't really focus on the numbers but I make sure that I have intent from ball one. If that ball is there to be hit, I want to take it. Initially, obviously, maybe 3-4 years ago, my template was such that I wanted to play the first 5-10 deliveries and then find boundaries. Now I want to hit them straight away. That mentality shift is not easy to make.

Q On conversations with the RCB support staff
It's about giving me confidence and belief that I'm capable of doing that. About trusting the words of the coaches and the plans and methods they are giving me (Dinesh Karthik, like with the others in the franchise, has spent time working with Padikkal). They believed in my ability to strike from ball one and, to be honest, it puts you in a better frame of mind. And just the way they backed me. They saw scope of improvement. And I made that conscious effort to try and change the way I play.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Vinesh stands firm, WFI denies participation

Two-time Worlds medallist says it's a pre-planned conspiracy to prevent her from making a comeback

FIROZ MIRZA @ Nandini Nagar (Gonda)

Vinesh Phoghat (C) arrives at the venue with security around her | **EXPRESS**

HOURS before Vinesh Phogat stormed into Nandini Nagar Mahavidhyalaya in Gonda, Uttar Pradesh on Monday evening to complete her verification process for the Senior Open Ranking Tournament, women cops from Local Intelligence Unit (LIU) in plain clothes were seen moving around the venue quietly gathering information. Even as their cover was blown by a few local journalists, they continued their surveillance till the two-time World Championships bronze medallist reached the venue in a car, which was flanked by two more SUVs.

Husband Somvir Rathi, two Haryana cops and a few others accompanied Vinesh as she headed straight to a makeshift office of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) at the Physical Education Department of the college. With the WFI barring Vinesh from competing at the tournament by serving her a show-cause notice, Vinesh presented her arguments before WFI president Sanjay Kumar Singh but all those fell on deaf ears. Vinesh, who missed a medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics after she failed to make the weight ahead of the 50kg final, termed it a pre-planned conspiracy hatched by the federation on behest of its former president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. Incidentally, a few days ago the wrestler had expressed apprehension over her participation in the event at the venue considered to be a stronghold of Brij Bhushan against whom she along with Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik, both Olympic medallists, had launched a protest accusing him of sexual harassment.

"He (WFI president Sanjay Kumar) wants me to quit wrestling, lose the battle so that they succeed in conspiracies being hatched against me," Vinesh told journalists. "The show-cause notice they served me on Friday, I didn't get the time to reply as I am an athlete, I have to reduce weight as well and I am also preparing for the competition. That's why I gave a short reply. I told him that I will give my detailed reply within 14 days but how can you hold me guilty in that period and stop me from competing. If I fail to furnish the reply in 14 days, then he can take whatever action he deems fit. But he was adamant and wants a detailed reply," added the 31-year-old. Accusing the federation of working on instructions from Brij Bhushan, she said it was all pre-planned to prevent her from returning to wrestling. "I also told him that I informed him on December 12 that I am returning to sport. Why did he wait for six months? Why didn't he seek all those things then? I also registered myself for the competition but they waited for 10 days after entry. It's all pre-planned. They all are working on instructions from Brij Bhushan. He would have instructed them not to allow me to compete."

Speaking on whereabouts failure notice from International Testing Agency and World Anti-Doping Agency rules citing which the WFI held her ineligible to participate in any domestic events till June 26, 2026, she affirmed she didn't flout any rules. Later, she also posted a mail from ITA on her X handle, which read she is eligible to compete from January 1, 2026.

Closed academy, SAI centre

After meeting the WFI chief and speaking to journalists, Vinesh headed straight to National Wrestling Academy located around 500 metres away from the competition venue. The wrestler said she wanted to train but the facility was locked. She even interacted with a few junior wrestlers at the facility and expressed concerns when one of them said they trained at the grass ground before their bouts. Vinesh then headed for the SAI training facility but it didn't have mats.

Reacting to Vinesh's accusations, Sanjay Singh said the wrestler has to submit a complete explanation and the same would be submitted to the WFI's disciplinary committee, which eventually will take a call. "She has to reply to our show-cause notice. She hasn't filed her complete reply yet. The same would be submitted to the disciplinary panel, which will take a call after going through her explanations," the WFI president said.

'Player's security priority'

Meanwhile, the WFI also issued a statement and highlighted the secure environment provided to Vinesh during her visit. "Vinesh Phogat was provided full security from the moment she arrived. As witnessed by everyone present, she met the officials and was informed about her ineligibility to participate, as per the rules and procedures in place. She freely interacted with the media and was not stopped or interrupted anywhere. The WFI treats every player equally, and player welfare and security remain our highest priorities," read the WFI's statement.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

UWW cannot interfere in internal affairs: Lalovic

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

Dec 12, 2025	Vinesh Phogat reverses retirement, announces comeback with eyes on LA28.
Apr 28, 2026	Vinesh alleges that she is not able to register online for the senior national open ranking tournament.
May 3	With the event to be held in Gonda, birthplace of Brij Bhusan Sharan Singh, wrestler alleged that she is one of the six sexual harassment victims of the former WFI chief.
May 9	WFI issues show cause notice against Vinesh to explain competing in two weight categories (50kg and 53kg) during the trials held in March 2024. WFI also declared her ineligible to compete until June 26, 2026 highlighting that she failed to complete the mandatory 6-month notice period needed for athletes returning from retirement.
May 11	Vinesh replies to notice, arrives in Gonda, alleging that WFI wants her to quit. Federation holds ground does not allow her to participate.

FIROZ MIRZA @ Nandini Nagar (Gonda)

VINESH Phogat on Monday posted the International Testing Agency's (ITA) clearance to compete from January 1, 2026. The ITA is the official body that oversees and manages the sport's anti-doping programme of the United World Wrestling (UWW), the international governing body of wrestling. The UWW's anti-doping program includes in-competition and out-of-competition testing, results management including decision for positive tests, therapeutic use exemptions, and athlete education.

Vinesh might be claiming her right to contest at the Senior Open Ranking Tournament citing the ITA's mail but the UWW said the national federations have their criteria and it cannot interfere in it. "UWW doesn't interfere in internal affairs of national federations," Nenad Lalovic, UWW chief, told this daily. On being informed about the ITA's mail and the permission it has given to Vinesh to compete, Lalovic said, "I don't know what ITA is saying. Everything depends on the NF, the organiser of the competition."

Clarifying further, he said the ITA can only suspend someone on the UWW's behalf. "ITA may only suspend someone on our behalf in case of doping. But it has nothing to do with the organiser of the competition. I don't even know what competition is in question."

Lalovic emphasised that the selection is the prerogative of a national federation. "If she is cleared to compete by ITA/UWW, that is the first part. The second is selection by NF. In that case (ranking series criteria), she (Vinesh) has to be selected and announced by the federation," he added.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Overnight bouts cause exhaustion

The two-hour delay meant the men's freestyle bouts on Day 1 of the Senior Ranking Tournament at Nandini Nagar, Gonda (Uttar Pradesh) started at 10 am on Sunday. The 30 officials and 596 wrestlers were all charged up and why not - the grapplers were getting a quality competition while referees had an opportunity to brush up their skills by judging the bouts. By evening, the excitement and enthusiasm gave way to tiredness and exhaustion but it didn't stop there as the bouts continued till 7 am on Monday morning. Initially, 600 plus freestyle wrestlers registered for the event but after verification 596 were allowed to compete. With the schedule not going down well with the match officials and wrestlers, the WFI decided to implement reformative measures from the next edition.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

DC's Axar & Miller spoil Punjab's party

AGENCIES @ Dharamsala

HALF-CENTURIES from skipper Axar Patel and David Miller powered Delhi Capitals to a thrilling three-wicket win over Punjab Kings and kept their slim playoff hopes alive in the Indian Premier League here on Monday.

Sent in to bat, Priyansh Arya (56 off 33) and Prabhsimran Singh (18) shared 78 runs off 41 balls for the opening wicket for PBKS. After their departure, Shreyas Iyer (59 not out off 36 balls) and Cooper Connolly (38 off 27) took responsibility to carry the innings forward as PBKS posted 210 for five.

In reply, DC slipped to 74 for four but Axar (56) and Miller (51) resurrected the chase, while Ashutosh Sharma and Madhav Tiwari completed the task, scoring 216 for seven in 19 overs. With the win, DC move to seventh place in the table.

Brief scores: PBKS 210/5 in 20 ovs (Shreyas 59 n.o, Arya 56; Tiawai 2/40) **lost to** DC 216/7 in 19 ovs (Axar 56, Miller 51; Arshdeep 2/21)

TOP-TIER TIE

Already tied with 14 points, SRH and GT fight for a top two finish. A look...

SRH pace vs GT openers

If Sunrisers Hyderabad's consistent pace attack rattles Titans' top three, that is probably game set match for the home team. Shubman Gill and Co taking on the powerplay will be crucial.

Klaasen vs Rashid

For a team that is heavily loaded with quality pacers, Titans will rely on spinners Rashid Khan and Manav Suthar to have a crack at the SRH middle-order. If the pacers make early inroads against the explosive top three, then it will be on Rashid to dismantle the Heinrich Klaasen threat.

GT vs SRH, Ahmedabad, 7.30PM, LIVE on Star Sports and JioHotstar,

FC Barcelona players celebrate winning the La Liga title after beating Real Madrid on Sunday night | **AP**

Barca clinch title with El Clasico win

AGENCIES @ Barcelona

BARCELONA secured their 29th Spanish league title after beating Real Madrid 2-0 in the Clasico on Sunday.

Marcus Rashford and Ferran Torres struck in the first half to help Hansi Flick's side clinch La Liga in consecutive years, while consigning Madrid to a trophyless season. Barca moved an unassailable 14 points clear of second-place Los Blancos with three matches remaining.

This was only the second time the outcome of La Liga has been decided directly by the result of a Clasico, with record 36-time champions Real Madrid winning their first title in 1932 after a draw with Barca.

Flick's team were disappointed to be knocked out in the Champions League quarter-finals by Atletico Madrid in April, but were still determined to celebrate in style. "This title is more special for winning it at home against Madrid, now we have to enjoy it with the fans," Barca midfielder Frenkie de Jong told Movistar. "We have been the best team in Spain -- of course we (also) want to win the Champions League, that's the objective. "Next year we will have another opportunity."

Madrid arrived at the match embroiled in chaos, after midfielder Fede Valverde was ruled out with a head injury following a training ground scuffle with team-mate Aurelien Tchouameni, who started. Barca coach Flick received bad news before the game, with his father passing away, but took his place on the touchline regardless, to oversee his side's comfortable triumph. "It has been a tough day. It started in the morning and I really, I'll never forget this day," Flick told fans on the pitch. "I'm really proud about that we have such a team. I want to say thank you to everyone, thank you for everything, thanks for really fighting. I really appreciate that a lot."

Revised norms likely in BFI trials

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

IT was an eventful Monday as head coaches met the Sports Authority of India to find a solution to the selection mess surrounding Indian boxing. It is understood that on the same day, the sports ministry also served a show-cause notice to the Boxing Federation of India (BFI). If sources are to be believed, the selection trials, which were originally supposed to begin on Monday, could be conducted under a new set of rules. Even the sports science test scores could be done away with.

SAI had taken exception to the selection policy of the BFI and suspended the trials on Sunday. A number of complaints received from boxers apparently led to the decision. This prompted the sports ministry to even shoot a show-cause notice to the federation on Monday. On Sunday, SAI had to suspend the selection trials of boxers for the Commonwealth and Asian Games. There are quite a few sticky points the SAI has raised. SAI's Target Olympic Podium Scheme looks after boxing and its Chief Executive Officer NS Johal had written to the BFI to maintain a fair selection policy.

On Monday, the TOPS had a meeting with the head coaches of men and women including foreign coach. SAI said that BFI's existing criteria to announce winners days after trials should stop. This has grown into a full grown turf war between the BFI and sports ministry as well. On Monday, the meeting between SAI and coaches had a few points for selection. It is understood that one of the points to be part of the selection process was a five-member jury with head coach and four judges for greater transparency. It is learnt that the BFI is set to agree. The scores will have to be announced after each bout. Both the head coaches would be part of it. This is expected to lead to a truce.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Asian Weightlifting: Komal wins bronze

GANDHINAGAR: Komal Kohar opened hosts India's medal count winning a bronze in the women's 48kg weight class at the Asian Weightlifting Championships here on Monday. Competing in place of Tokyo silver medallist Mirabai Chanu, the 23-year-old rose to the occasion with a composed performance, finishing with a combined lift of 177kg.

Racers Kiaan and Atharva ride to glory

BENGALURU: Kiaan Shah won the Rotax Senior title in the prestigious Meco Meritus Cup in Bengaluru on Sunday. The 15-year-old won Race 1 and finished second in Race 2 to take the top spot on the leaderboard after Round 1 of the Meritus Cup. Kiaan made it a grand double for Rayo Racing, with Atharva Hemani annexing the Rotax Micro title.

Lakshya, Sindhu shift focus to individual glory

BANGKOK: Lakshya Sen and PV Sindhu will lead the Indian challenge when the Thailand Open Super 500 tournament begins on Tuesday. Lakshya will open against Singapore's Jason Teh Jia Heng while Ayush Shetty faces a difficult opener against Japan's Kodai Naraoka. Sindhu will face Tung Ciou-Tong of Chinese Taipei in her first match.

TALE OF INSPIRATION

Chennaiyin teenager Prakadeswaran puts his settlement on the map

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

S PRAKADESWARAN's year so far has been filled with pleasant surprises. From being called up to the senior team when he was on the verge of signing for Bengaluru-based Agniputhra FC, to seeing his number '52' light up on the substitution board, the teenage forward has been making a mark, whenever given the chance.

But his journey to the top-level football is inspiring. Born at a house with a thatched roof in Brislee Nagar settlement near Otteri, Prakadeswaran's first tryst with football came in the narrow lanes of the area. His father Sakthivel, a rehabilitation worker-turned security guard, played football at a recreational level. He explained how playing in festival tournaments got him enraptured by the game. "There used to be an empty space in the area. There, we set the goalposts and install the floodlights. I played matches without boots. Although the teams I played for did not win anything, I won a lot of individual awards. They used to hand out stockings, shoes and jerseys for the award winner," he explained.

S Prakadeswaran (L) of Chennaiyin FC in action in the ongoing ISL season | **CFC**

As he grew up, the ISL was gaining traction after the inaugural season in 2014. Prakadeswaran revealed how he and his cousins managed to get a glimpse of Chennaiyin. "It was difficult to get tickets. Me and my cousins tried to convince our elders to get us tickets. We travel by bus to the stadium on our own, watch matches and return home the same way," he added.

That same club that he religiously supported first identified him in 2017. "The youth coaches Ramakrishnan (U13) and Lakshmanan (U15) sir spotted me and got me into the academy after I excelled in a selection match." Then, the following year, he set his eyes on joining the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) sports hostel in Neyveli. He revealed how his parents, despite difficulties, were supportive of sending him to Neyveli. "I really wanted to go there. My brother Kamleshwaran was studying there. We trained under D Johnson there in the hostel. While studying there for four years, I was also in Chennaiyin's U13 team. I had to travel back for matches and return to the hostel frequently," he revealed.

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XPLORE Health

Healthy weight management involves creating a moderate calorie deficit through balanced nutrition and regular physical activity, and not relying on extreme starvation or crash diets. Rapid weight reduction frequently leads to rebound weight gain, referred to as 'yo-yo effect', in which individuals regain weight soon after discontinuing restrictive diets

DIETARY GUIDELINES

- Eat a variety of foods to ensure a balanced diet
- Ensure provision of extra food and healthcare during pregnancy and lactation
- Ensure adequate and appropriate diets for children and adolescents, both in health and sickness
- Start feeding homemade semi-solid complementary foods to the infant soon after six months of age
- Use oils/fats in moderation; choose a variety of oilseeds, nuts and legumes to meet daily needs for fats and essential fatty acids (EFA)
- Obtain good-quality proteins and essential amino acids (EAA) through an appropriate combination of foods and avoid protein supplements to build muscle mass
- Restrict salt intake
- Consume safe & hygenic foods
- Adopt appropriate pre-cooking and cooking methods
- Minimise the consumption of high-fat, sugar, and salt (HFSS) and ultra-processed foods (UPFs)
- Be physically active and exercise regularly to maintain good health
- Include nutrient-rich foods in the diets of the elderly for health and wellness
- Read information on food labels to make informed and healthy food choices
- Ensure exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months and continue breastfeeding till two years and beyond
- Drink an adequate quantity of water
- Eat plenty of legumes and vegetables
- Adopt a healthy lifestyle to prevent abdominal obesity, overweight and overall obesity

*Source - National Institute of Nutrition

NO-SUGAR, LOW CARB DIET TO LOSE WEIGHT?

A STRICT NO!

Experts warn that extreme diets, often promoted online, may lead to fatigue, cravings and nutritional imbalance

ANNA JOSE @ Kochi

MANU (name changed) was 35-years-old when he started a low-carbohydrate diet and a workout regimen on the advice of a lifestyle trainer. His aim was simple – weight loss, just like any other youngster. However, the attempt did not go well, as he felt low on energy quite often and even found it difficult to go about his daily routine.

"In the initial days, he was satisfied with the new diet and exercise. However, later he started experiencing mood swings and acidity, and was not even able to complete the workout. His sleep was also disturbed. The guy came to me for a second opinion," recollects Dr Manju George, chief dietitian at VPS Lakeshore Hospital, Kochi, who treated the youngster. The issues in the diet pattern had led to low energy. His quest to maintain the "ideal" weight for his height led him to follow a strict diet. "For his body's nature and requirements, he needs to consume some carbs – though not as an exact meal. So I suggested an apt workout for strength with the support of a trainer and created a meal plan consisting of 40-50% carbohydrates, with proteins and fats making up 20-30% each. He was also recommended to have dinner early and sleep well," she said. After following the regimen consistently for six months, he began showing healthy weight loss and improved overall health.

According to Dr Manju, the number of people who blindly follow unhealthy diet plans – no-sugar, low-carb diets – is on the rise. "Nowadays, we see many people who diet and exercise for weight loss. With social media influencers advocating new diet patterns and boosting their content, people tend to follow such routines. However, the diet plan for everyone is different," she said, adding that people in the 25–35 age group are more likely to follow such no-sugar diet trends due to peer pressure to maintain the perfect figure.

With the growing trend and popularity of no-sugar diets, medical experts warn that extreme no-sugar and low-carb diets, often promoted online, may lead to fatigue, cravings and nutritional imbalance if followed without medical guidance.

Who needs a no-sugar diet?

A completely 'no sugar' diet is generally unnecessary for most individuals. "Reducing the intake of added sugars can be beneficial, particularly for people with conditions such as prediabetes, type-2 diabetes, obesity, metabolic syndrome, fatty liver disease, polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), high triglyceride levels, and frequent dental cavities. For most healthy individuals, moderation and mindful consumption are more appropriate than complete elimination of sugar. Excessively restrictive no-sugar diets may not be sustainable and, in some cases, can increase cravings and contribute to unhealthy binge-eating patterns," said Dr Niveditha P, head of clinical nutrition at Amrita Hospital, Kochi.

"If you are living with diabetes, you don't necessarily have to cut out every single gram of sugar forever. Instead, focus on choosing 'slow-burning' carbs (like whole grains and vegetables) and cutting back on added sugars like soda and sweets. Weight becomes a health concern when your Body Mass Index (BMI) moves into the 'overweight' or 'obese' categories, as this puts extra strain on your heart and metabolism. People in their 20s are generally better at burning energy. Staying active and eating slightly fewer calories than you burn will help. However, in case of family history of heart disease or diabetes, consulting a doctor is mandatory. The average blood sugar (HbA1c), kidney and liver health, and vitamin levels should be tested to build a workout and meal plan that actually works for your specific body," said Dr Ravikanth, bariatric surgeon at Rajagiri Hospital, Aluva.

Diet alone is not sufficient for sustained weight management, regular exercise is essential for burning excess calories

Sugar is important for, body, intake has to be regulated

ANNA JOSE @ Kochi

SUGAR plays an important role in the body, and it is one of the main sources of energy. However, according to Dr Ravikanth, the type and quantity of sugar matter. "The body breaks down carbohydrates into glucose, which is important for the brain, organs, muscles and cells. If the glucose level is reduced, it will affect the functioning of the body, thereby affecting physical activity, metabolism, hormone regulation, and the maintenance of proper functioning of cells and tissues. Thus, it is not about eliminating sugar content but is about regulating and controlling it," said Dr Ravikanth, bariatric surgeon at Rajagiri Hospital, Aluva.

The body needs three macro nutrients – carbohydrates, protein, fats – for energy. Carbohydrates, the primary source of fuel, is broken down by the body into glucose to provide immediate energy. Protein helps in heat generation and muscle building. Fats are reserved for use when there is energy degradation. "A no-sugar diet is taken for a calorie cut, and mostly only direct sugar is avoided. However, the quantity of other food items with carbs should also be reduced. If meals are not balanced, it can lead to cravings, unhealthy snacking, and binge consumption of junk food, sugary drinks, or oversized meals," said Dr Manju George, chief dietitian at VPS Lakeshore Hospital, Kochi, adding that someone who does a physically-demanding job, body builders or marathon runners should take carbohydrates to avoid issues like brain fog, dizziness and mood swings.

Sugar, primarily in the form of glucose, serves as one of the body's main sources of energy and plays an essential role in maintaining normal physiological functions. "Glucose provides fuel for the brain, muscles, and vital organs, supports physical activity and day-to-day functioning, and helps maintain body temperature and various metabolic processes. The brain, in particular, depends heavily on a continuous supply of glucose for proper functioning, concentration, and cognitive performance," said said Dr Niveditha P, head of clinical nutrition at Amrita Hospital, Kochi, adding that focus should not be on completely eliminating sugar but rather on achieving a balanced diet that provides adequate energy through nutritious food sources while limiting excess added sugars and highly processed foods.

However, Dr Ravikanth believes that consistency is the key. "Often, people expect a sudden result once they start dieting and working out. When the desired result is not achieved, they stop the diet, leading to sudden weight gain. But the body takes some time to adjust to the diet. Along with personal motivation, family support and peer support are crucial. The family should be motivated. Society and friends should not tease or bully a person who is trying (to lose weight). Obesity should not be a stigma. For each the reasons will be different, it can be family history or a treatment," he added.

NATURAL VS ADDED SUGAR

- Added sugars are commonly found in sweets, sugary beverages, desserts, and packaged snack foods
- Natural sugars are present in fruits, milk, and other whole foods that also provide essential nutrients such as vitamins, minerals, and dietary fibre

How sugar is processed by the body?

1 When carbohydrate-containing foods are consumed, they are broken down into glucose, which is either used immediately for energy or stored in the form of glycogen in the liver and muscles for future energy needs

2 Excessive intake of added sugars, particularly from sugary beverages, sweets, desserts, and ultra-processed foods, can contribute to obesity, insulin resistance, type-2 diabetes, fatty liver disease, and dental problems

3 On the other hand, inadequate energy intake or excessively restrictive diets may lead to fatigue, dizziness, poor concentration, muscle loss, weakness, and nutritional deficiencies

'Use of weight-loss drugs can lead to nutritional deficiency'

PEOPLE who are on weight-loss medication should be extremely careful about what they eat, as they will be able to eat only a smaller portion, which can lead to nutritional deficiencies, says **Uma Kalyani**, dietitian at Sri Ramakrishna Charitable Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram, in an interview with **Anna Jose**. Edited excerpts:

Q People often assume that weight loss and gain are only about food and exercise. What is the significance of a healthy environment in managing weight?
Stress, poor sleep patterns and several lifestyle factors can also contribute to overeating and weight gain. These factors can lead to hormonal imbalance and other health issues. Bringing discipline to life, managing stress, and being careful about stress eating can help. Consumption of alcohol and smoking can also cause issues leading to weight gain. Controlling such external factors, along with diet and exercise, can significantly reduce weight.

Q Often, people are distracted while having meals, leading to overconsumption. What is the role of mindful eating?
Mindful eating plays a crucial role in losing weight. The idea is to eat according to the body's needs rather than emotional cravings or mindless snacking. Mindful eating involves paying attention to hunger and eating in a conscious and balanced manner. Portion control is also very important. Diet plays a major role in weight management, although exercise, sleep, stress levels, and lifestyle habits are also important. However, people believe that if they are working out, they can eat any food and burn it off with exercise. But practically, it's almost impossible. Keeping screens away while having meals, taking smaller portions, and drinking water regularly can help ensure mindful eating (reduce overeating). Emotional eating caused by stress, boredom, or anxiety can also contribute to being overweight and other lifestyle diseases.

Q Who can use weight loss drugs and does it have any side effects?
Weight loss drugs can help some people manage obesity and related health conditions. However, taking weight loss medications may lead to loss of appetite. People who are on weight loss medication should be extremely careful about what they eat, as they can only eat a smaller quantity of food. It may also cause nutritional deficiencies or rebound weight gain once they stop medication or if used improperly or without proper dietary guidance from a qualified dietitian. It is recommended to take medications only if the patient is having obesity and has failed to lose weight with dietary modifications and exercises.

INTERVIEW
UMA KALYANI

Losing weight is all about balance

ANNA JOSE @ Kochi

SOCIETAL expectations, peer pressure, comparison culture, unrealistic lifestyle goals and misconceptions about fitness are driving a growing number of people to pursue weight loss. However, lack of awareness and the desire for rapid results often push people towards extreme diets and intense workout routines.

Healthy weight management involves creating a moderate calorie deficit through balanced nutrition and regular physical activity, and not relying on extreme starvation or crash diets. "We generally recommend a gradual and sustainable weight loss of approximately 2kg per month. Fad diets and rapid weight-loss methods should be avoided, as they are often nutritionally inadequate, difficult to maintain, and may result in fatigue, nutrient deficiencies, hormonal disturbances, and muscle loss. Furthermore, rapid weight reduction frequently leads to rebound weight gain, commonly referred to as the 'yo-yo effect', in which individuals regain weight soon after discontinuing restrictive diets," said Dr Niveditha P, the head of clinical nutrition at Amrita Hospital, Kochi.

According to Dr Anitha Kuriakose, chief dietician at Lisie Hospital, Kochi, a strict and unrealistic diet and workout lead to late-night snacking – a tendency to consume more food immediately after a diet, which is dangerous. "Often, when we are on a diet, there is a change in the body. So discipline, in workouts and diet, is crucial. People reduce their food intake but consume fruit juice or drinks. Then there is no use, because the calorie intake is the same. Binge eating at night and consumption of junk food, particularly found in young people, can also trouble weight loss," she said, adding that drinking enough water also helps in weight loss.

"Proper sleep and stress management are equally important, as sleep deprivation and chronic stress can influence appetite and eating behaviour. Physical activity plays a crucial role in weight reduction and should ideally combine aerobic exercises such as walking, cycling, or swimming with strength training to preserve muscle mass and improve metabolic health. Diet alone is rarely sufficient for effective and sustained weight management; regular exercise is essential for burning excess calories and maintaining overall fitness," added Dr Niveditha. Before starting any diet or weight-loss programme, proper preparation is essential to ensure safe, effective, and sustainable results while avoiding potential health complications.

HEALTHY WAYS FOR WEIGHT LOSS

- Proper diet — including proteins, minerals, and fats
- Avoiding smoking and alcohol intake
- Reducing stress levels
- Improving sleep routine

EXCESS FAT MAY NOT ALWAYS BE REASON FOR WAISTLINE GAIN

BEFORE starting any diet or weight-loss programme, individuals should first undergo a basic medical and nutritional assessment, including evaluation of body weight, waist circumference, body composition, fluid status, and overall health status. "Assessing body composition helps doctors understand whether excess weight comes mainly from fat, muscle, or fluid retention. Evaluation of fluid status is also important, as high body weight or obesity does not necessarily indicate excess fat mass alone – in some individuals, excess fluid retention may also contribute to body weight. Screening for conditions such as diabetes, thyroid disorders, anaemia, hypertension, hormonal imbalances, or other underlying medical issues is important. Individuals with existing health conditions should seek guidance from a qualified physician and dietitian before beginning any weight-loss regimen," said Dr Niveditha P. Mental and behavioural preparation is another important aspect of successful weight management. Identifying emotional eating triggers such as stress, boredom, anxiety, or inadequate sleep can help individuals develop healthier coping mechanisms and build sustainable habits rather than relying solely on temporary motivation. Weight loss is not about eliminating sugar or any food item and starting heavy workouts, Dr Anitha added. "It is better to consult a doctor and test for overall health, risk factors, and health conditions to understand the best way for weight loss. Weight loss is not about completely eliminating any food group. It is about making healthier choices, maintaining balance, and building a sustainable lifestyle," she said. *ENS*

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DAY'S DIARY

Woman in Power

Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit made history as the first woman foreign ambassador appointed to the United States, on this day in 1949

EARLY POLITICAL CAREER

Vijaya Lakshmi took a leading part in India's politics and served three terms of imprisonment in connection with civil disobedience movements

DIPLOMATIC CAREER

She had a distinguished diplomatic career, leading the Indian delegation to the United Nations and serving as India's ambassador to many countries

PERSONAL LIFE

Vijaya Lakshmi was the daughter of Motilal Nehru and sister of Jawaharlal Nehru. She was an active worker in the Indian nationalist movement

City Express' best picks

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Cartoonists and illustrators look back at the visual world of Mario de Miranda in his centenary year, revisiting his iconic depiction of everyday life and urban chaos

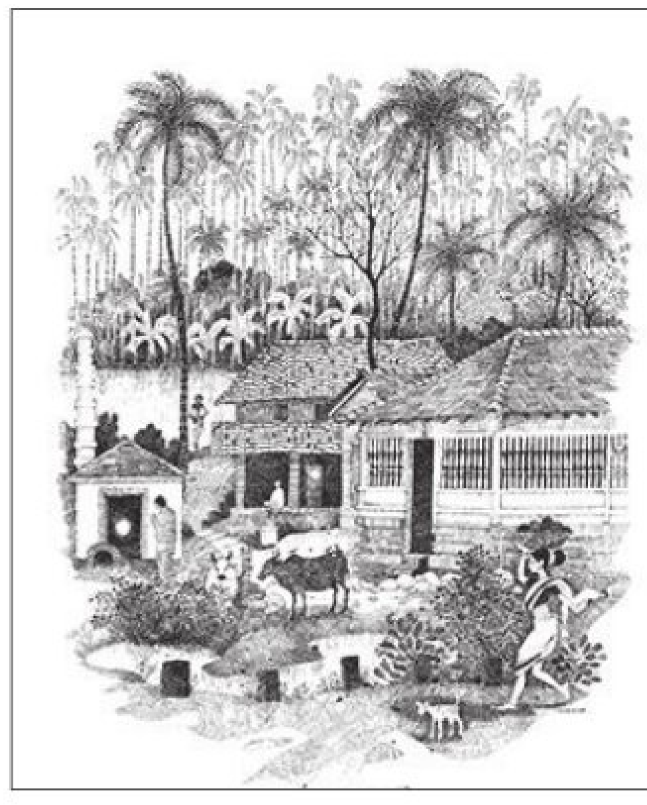
LIFE LINES

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

FOR generations of readers, Mário João Carlos do Rosário de Brito Miranda, aka, Mario de Miranda served as a chronicler of everyday India. A visual storyteller, his repertoire of bustling streets, crowded cafes, office gossip and neighbourhood characters transformed ordinary life into nostalgia-inducing work of art. Senior cartoonist VG Narendra, managing trustee of the Indian Institute of Cartoonists, remembers Miranda as one of the earliest supporters of the institute. "He was the first to encourage the idea of an institute and gallery dedicated entirely to cartooning in India. He guided me throughout the process and would regularly visit the gallery," says Narendra who first met Miranda during his younger days in Bombay, when he would visit newspaper offices while trying to establish himself as a cartoonist. In the city, the centenary is being marked with a special exhibition at the gallery, featuring sketches, photographs and illustrations tracing Miranda's life and artistic journey.

Miranda was born in Damao, Portuguese India, and was known for his lively depictions of Goan life and urban culture. He also had a Bengaluru connection having studied at St Joseph's Boys' High School before pursuing higher studies in Mumbai. Veteran cartoonist and illustrator Paul Fernandes, often called Bengaluru's Mario Miranda for his nostalgic-soaked illustrations of the city, does not see direct similarities between their artistic styles despite the comparison. He, however, credits Miranda with changing the way many cartoonists looked at everyday life. "Mario showed me and a million other cartoonists how to look at life in a humorous way. They were never harsh or overpowering with humour, yet they stayed because of the warmth in them," he says.

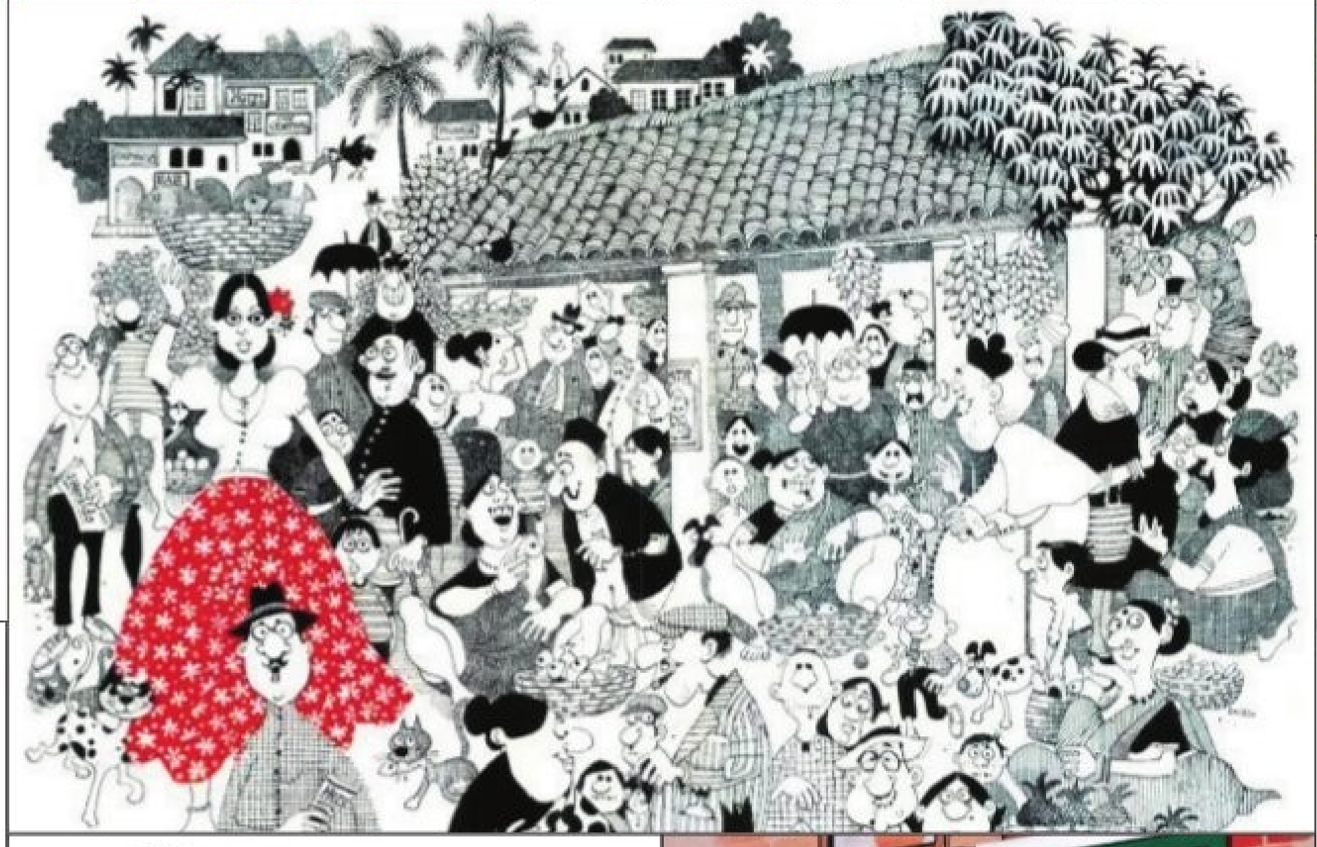
Be it through the frantic, crowded energy of the monochromatic jazz scene or the colour-blocked elegance of a Japanese temple, Miranda captured the soul of a location, together with caricature and architectural detail. Even younger artists who encountered Miranda long after his prime continue to find inspiration in his illustrations. City-based doodle and watercolour artist Basid KP says the liveliness of Miranda's scenes immediately drew him in and changed the way he looked at illustration. "Every gesture, interaction and background detail carried a story. It wasn't just drawing, it was life on paper," Basid shares.

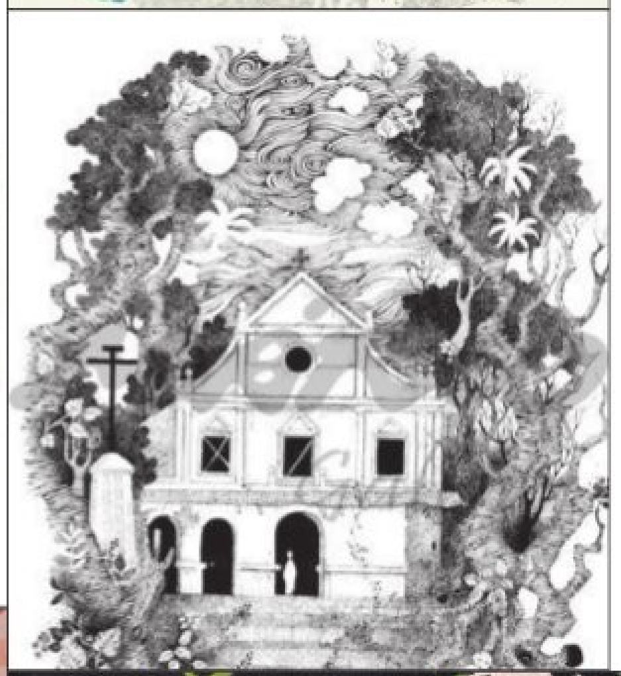


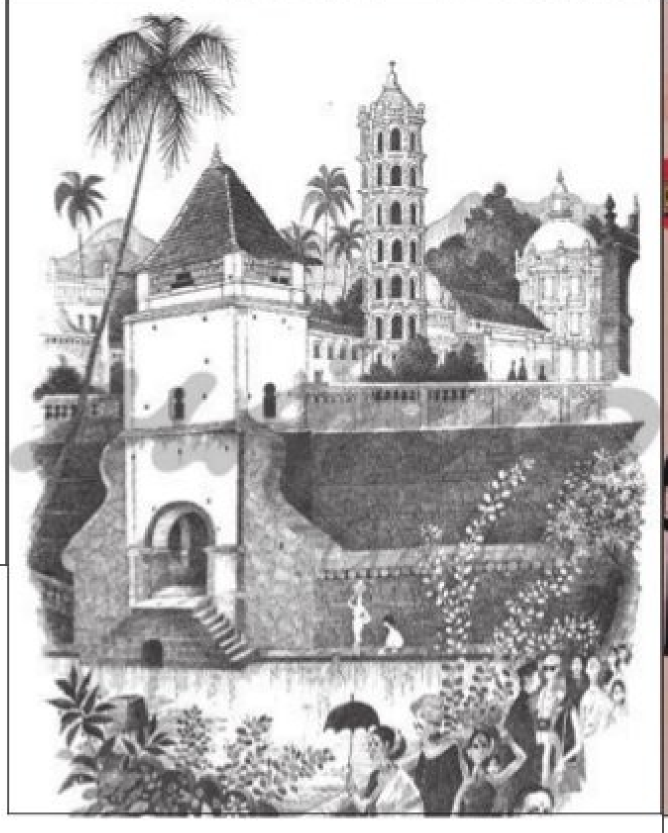
On the other hand, illustrator and doodle artist Mounica Tata believes Miranda's strength lay in his ability to turn ordinary moments into compelling visual narratives. She says his humour emerged from close observations of people and situations rather than exaggerated caricature alone. "Humour is hard. To get a laugh that too without using too many words, you need to be able to look at life closely and have a perspective that's ever so slightly askew. All of these need to be translated on paper, which is no easy feat," she says.

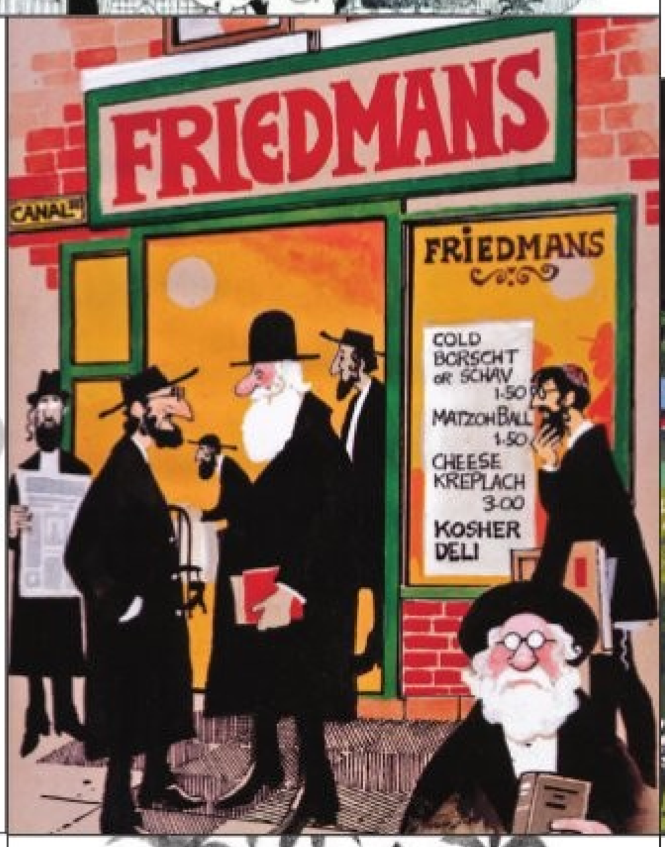
The conversation around hand-drawn storytelling versus technology is one several artists associate with Miranda's practice. Tata also believes Miranda's work feels especially relevant in a time of AI-generated visuals. "No AI model can capture life better than the people actually living it. There's an eccentricity and authenticity in hand-drawn storytelling that technology still cannot imitate," she adds. Fernandes, believes the process of creating art remains inseparable from storytelling itself. "The journey of a drawing and the journey of a story are important to the storyteller. If you use AI to speed that process up, then you haven't enjoyed the drawing or the story enough yourself," the veteran cartoonist notes.

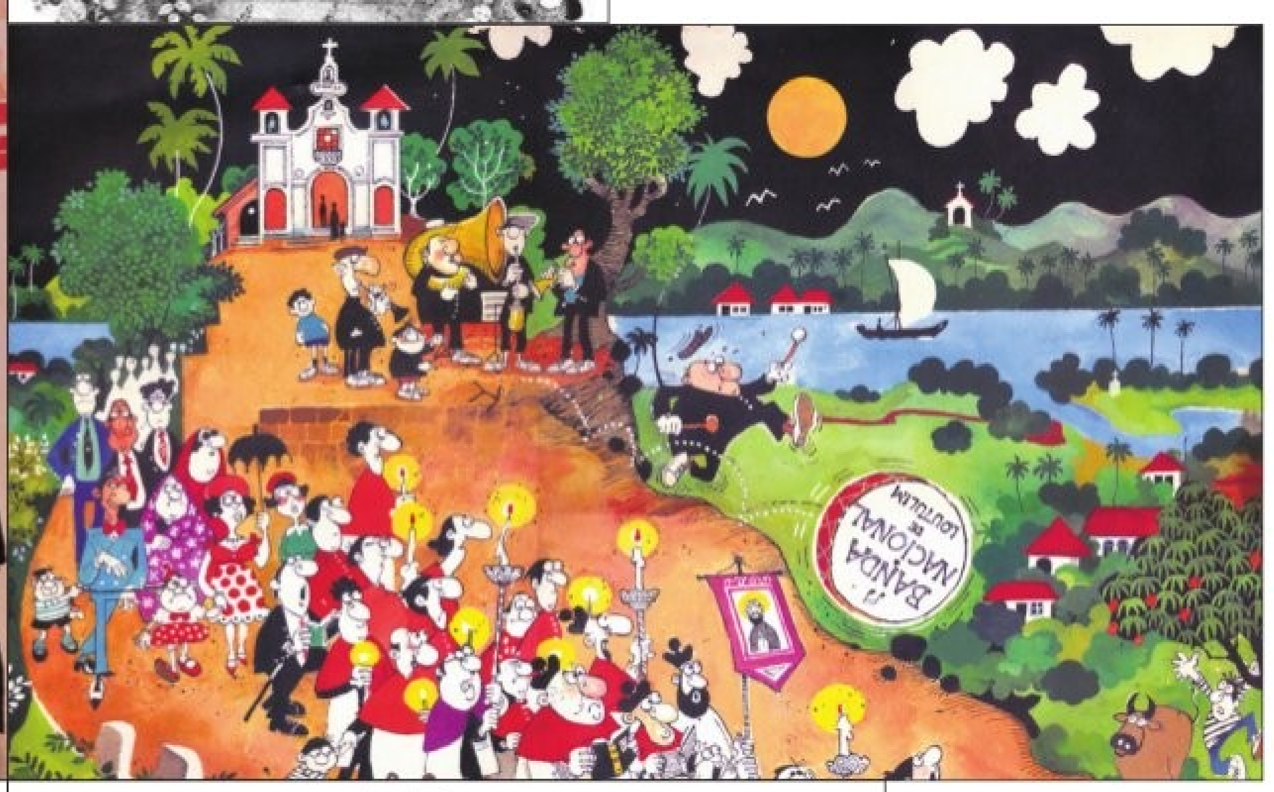
Narendra reveals Miranda himself stayed deeply attached to traditional ways of working and never embraced computers despite changing times. "He used to say he was computer illiterate," he laughs, adding, "He preferred writing letters by hand." Many of those letters on art and his life remain preserved in his archive.

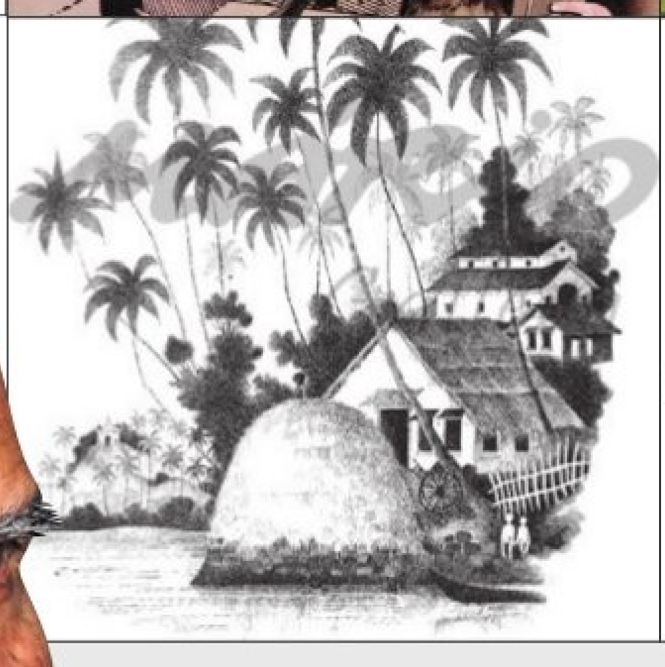


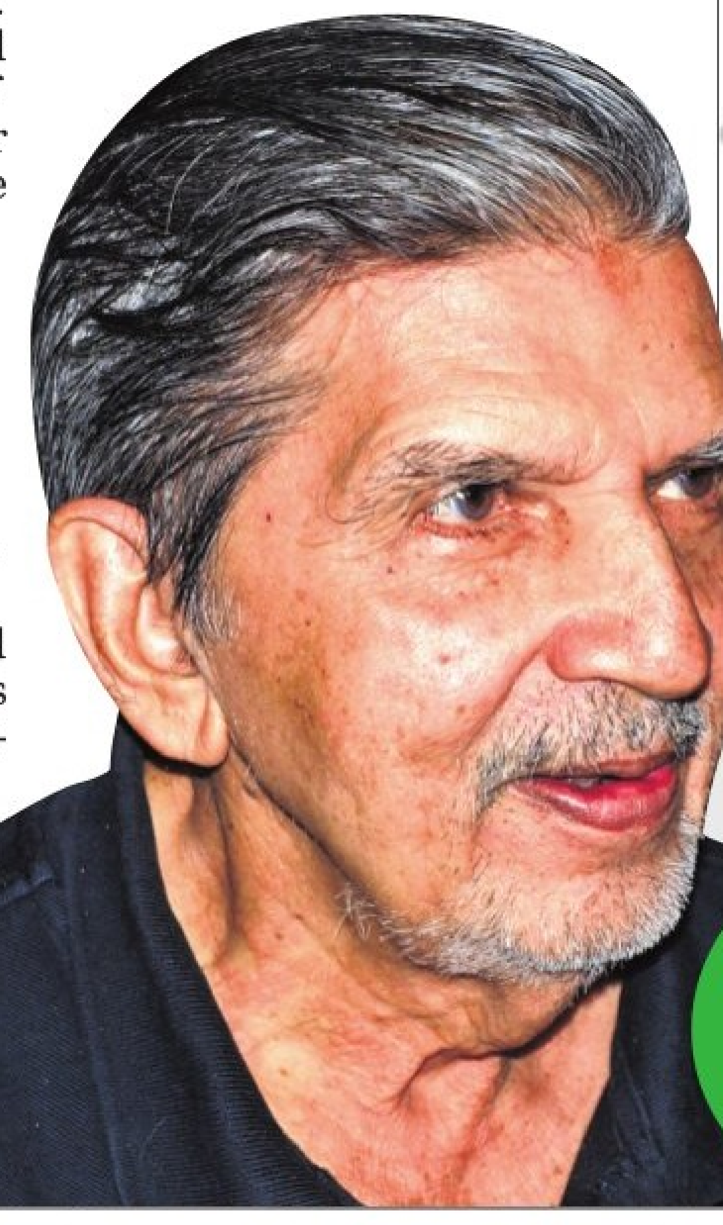












MIRANDA'S WORLD OF CHAOS

Artists also point to Miranda's crowded cityscapes and marketplace scenes as the ones that stay with them most. Narendra highlights the density of details in his compositions where every corner feels active. Fernandes adds that Miranda's body of work is something he continues to admire, while Basid particularly mentions works like Colour In The Market (1987), admiring how the marketplace scene captures movement, interaction and layered storytelling. Tata, however, cannot pick a single favourite, as she adds that she is a huge fan of his chaotic murals that feel larger than life. Somewhere in this imagined continuity of his world, Miranda is still sketching, the same lively streets and faces, as the scenes continue through the pages.

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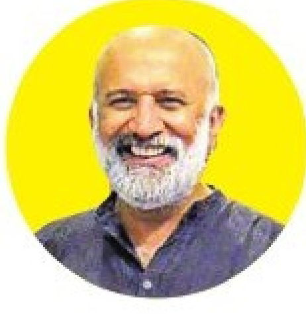
> Paul Fernandes, cartoonist-illustrator



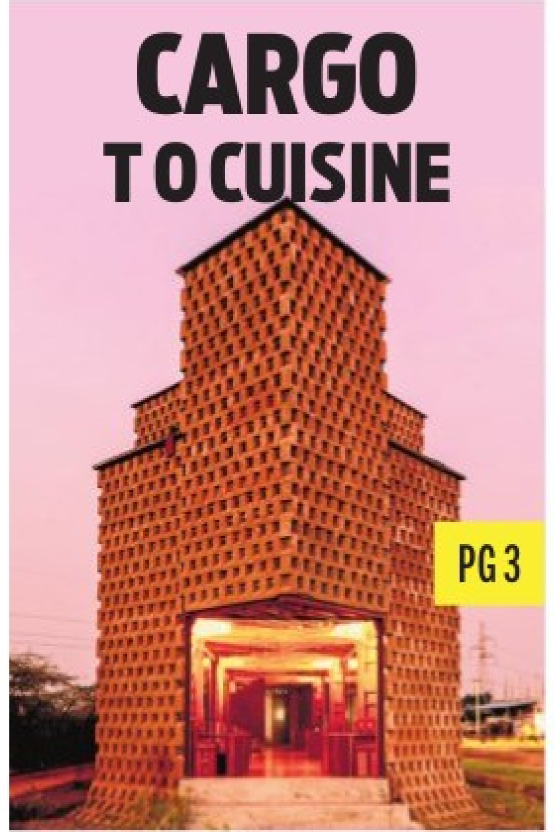
CITY READ

City influencer to soon make her Cannes debut

Content creator Rida Tharana has announced her debut appearance at the 2026 Cannes Film Festival in France through a video shared on Instagram this week. The announcement places her among the growing list of Indian digital creators attending the international film festival this year. Social media conversations have also centred around Tharana's possible red-carpet looks,

Premium brand launches new collection in B'luru

Global Danish footwear and lifestyle brand ECCO has launched their exclusive bag collection in Bengaluru, marking the brand's expansion into premium leather accessories. The new category introduces a range of contemporary leather bags crafted from ECCO's signature high-grade leather and informed by the Scandinavian design philosophy. The collection features sleek backpacks, structured totes, shoulder bags, crossbody styles and signature pot and sail bags. The collection will be available in stores and on the website: in.ecco.com.



CARGO TO CUISINE

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A STAPLE INDIAN ACCESSORY – JHUMKAS HAVE BEEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT WITH ITALIAN PM GIORGIA MELONI SPORTING THEM IN A VIRAL SELFIE AND RALPH LAUREN CONTROVERSIALLY SHOWCASING THEM AS 'VINTAGE EARRINGS' AT PARIS FASHION WEEK. BENGALURU DESIGNERS AND STYLISTS WEIGH IN ON THE DEBATE AND ON STYLING THEM LIKE A PRO

What Jhumka? Whose Jhumka!

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

WHEN Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni posted a now viral selfie, Indian girls everywhere immediately felt a spark of recognition in something that's in all our jewellery boxes – a pair of dangly silver jhumkas. "It was a surprise because she was wearing jhumkas with a western outfit (blazer); you don't generally associate them with an outfit like that. It has always been a timeless part of Indian jewellery, but with global fashion becoming more inclusive, traditional pieces are finally being seen and appreciated internationally," says Akanksha Chhabra, co-founder of fashion label Pastels and Pop.

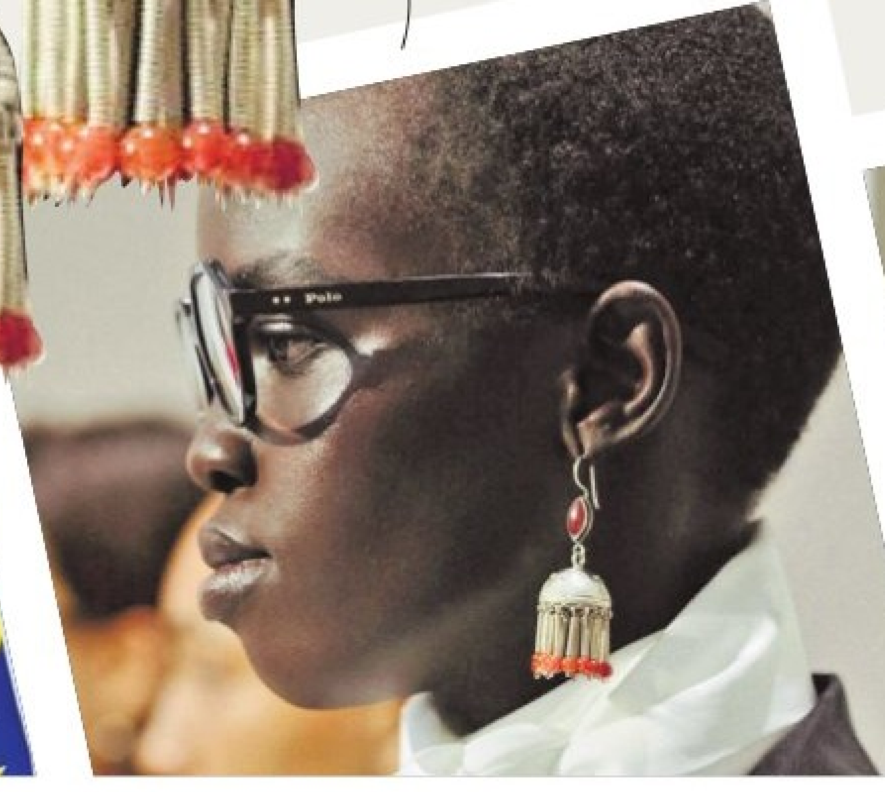
The ubiquitous piece of jewellery also grabbed eyes at the Paris Fashion Week when Ralph Lauren models walked the runway wearing them with pantsuits, ties, blazers and even leather jackets. With the spotlight on these indo-western experiments, image consultant Bia Sandhu has some tips for those wanting to swap studs and hoops for jhumkas. "For a formal look of black trousers with a structured blazer, go for smaller or medium-sized gold jhumkas. Gold automatically gives a more formal effect compared to silver or multi-coloured pieces," shares Sandhu while Chhabra cautions, "I would avoid jhumkas with too many or too big danglers with structured clothes because it starts looking informal."

If suits and blazers feel like too much outside of corporate board rooms, jhumkas go well with informal summer outfits too, according to popular jewellery brand Quirksmith's founder Divya Batra. "I love wearing single-colour dresses with clean silhouettes and pairing them with jhumkas. The sleeker the dress, the more the jewellery gets to shine and highlight the face. I also combine those with stacks of bangles and rings." Sandhu adds her own idea, "Flared skirts and polka dots are in. I'd pair a long polka dot skirt with a white shirt and medium sized silver jhumkas – informal but trendy."

Apart from jhumkas, experts point out the Indian roots of anklets gaining popularity in the last year and saree-like drapery showing up frequently on runways as evidence of India currently having a moment in global fashion. But why now? Chhabra explains, "Part of it may be that many Indian personalities like Sonam Kapoor and Alia Bhatt are doing a fabulous job showcasing Indian labels and Indian-inspired clothing on red carpets around the world. People are going gaga over them and big brands and fashion houses are seeing that."

While the internet went gaga over Meloni, the response to Ralph Lauren labelling the jhumkas sported by its models merely 'vintage earrings' did not get the same warmth. With netizens calling out the dubious ethics of 'taking inspiration' without credit. While Prada recently announced that they would be manufacturing all their (now renamed) Kolhapuri sandals in Karnataka and Maharashtra to make amends after their own controversy last year, Ralph Lauren recently launched a skirt resembling bandhani with no mention of the craft. Chhabra hopes that others follow Prada's example, saying, "India has amazing jewellers. Brands like Ralph Lauren have much more access to easily getting their production done from Indian artisans. I'm sure crediting the craft would bring more emotion and authenticity for customers too." While Batra agrees, she adds that even if the brand does not come around, it's impossible to get away with it today. "Questions will be asked, news will be made and people will ultimately know through good, bad or ugly ways that this is bandhani or this is a jhumka. It's making India fashion shine on the world map either way," she says.

Italian PM Georgia Meloni flaunting Indian jhumkas



Glimpses from Ralph Lauren's show at Paris Fashion Week 2026

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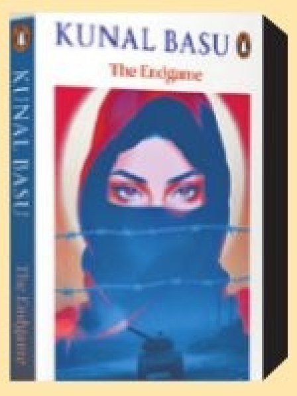
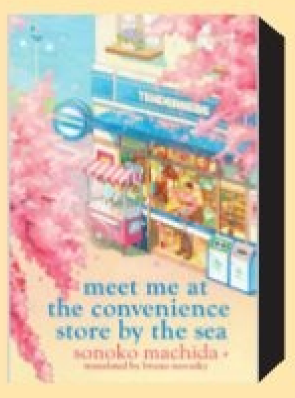


The Endgame

by Kunal Basu

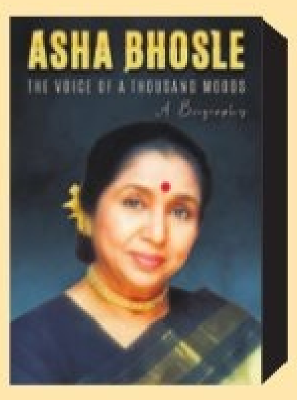
Reporter Tejaswini Ray arrives from New York to cover the conflict in Iraq troubled by encounter with Shabnam – a woman trafficked from India.



Meet Me at the Convenience Store by the Sea

by Sonoko Machida

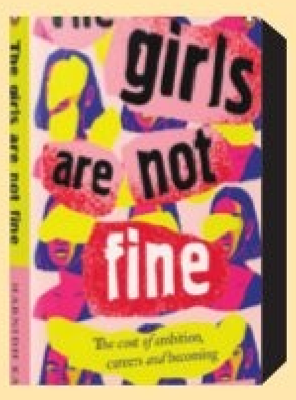
Returning to the bestselling series that sold a million copies, Meet Me at the Convenience Store by the Sea follows the customers and employees of a beloved 24/7 convenience store in Japan.



Asha Bhosle: The Voice of a Thousand Moods – A Biography

by Raju Bharatan

This riveting and revelatory biography brings together rare insights, fascinating anecdotes, and behind-the-scenes moments that illuminate the journey of one of the most versatile singers the world has ever known.



The Girls Are Not Fine

by Harnidh Kaur

Part confession, part cultural critique, part practical toolkit, it moves through work, money, family, body, friendship and love, not to fix anything, but to finally call it what it is.

STONE-Y GAZE

Visitors observe the intricacies of the pan-India art displayed at Mapping Periphery and Centre, an exhibition curated by Lina Vincent at the Namma Art Bengaluru festival at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

NOWSTREAMING

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VAAZHA 2: BIOPIC OF A BILLION BROS (Malayalam)

Friends, Hashir, Alan, Ajin and Vinayak, are considered losers and troublemakers by parents, family and the school management. They face immense social pressure.

Cast: Alphonse Puthren, Vijay Babu, Alan Bin Siraj

- **Watch on:** JioHotstar

FOREIGN

LOVE MOCKTAIL 3 (Kannada)

Aadi embraces fatherhood by adopting Nidhi, but their life unravels when an elderly woman claims to be her biological grandmother, pulling him into a custody battle that tests love and family.

Cast: Darling Krishna, Samvrutha, Milana Nagaraj

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

MY ROYAL NEMESIS (Korean, series)

A legendary villain from the Joseon era is reincarnated in the body of a struggling modern actress and clashes with a cold, calculating chaebol heir, igniting an intense love-hate romance that transcends centuries.

Cast: Lim Ji-yeon, Heo Nam-jun, Jang Seung-jo

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FITBIT

YOGA FOR MORNING: A GENTLE START TO A STRONGER DAY

Morning is a very important part of your day as it sets the tone for the rest of the day. Practicing yoga in the morning can wake your body in the simplest way while clearing your body and building consistency. This wellness routine will have just a few mindful movements but create a lasting impact.

START WITH DEEP BREATHING (2-3 MINUTES)

- Sit comfortably and focus on slow, deep breaths
- Inhale through the nose and exhale slowly
- This helps oxygenate the body and gently wake up the system
- Sets a mindful pace before movement begins

CAT-COW STRETCH (SPINAL ACTIVATION)

- Move between arching and rounding your back in sync with breath
- Warms up the spine and relieves stiffness
- Improves posture and flexibility early in the day

DOWNWARD FACING DOG (FULL-BODY STRETCH)

- Stretches hamstrings, calves, shoulders and spine
- Encourages blood flow toward the upper body
- Helps release overnight tightness and energise muscles

SUN SALUTATIONS (DYNAMIC FLOW)

- A sequence of flowing poses that combine movement with breath
- Builds strength, flexibility and coordination
- Acts as a complete warm-up for the entire body
- Even 3-5 rounds can be highly effective

STANDING FORWARD FOLD (GENTLE WAKE-UP FOR THE BODY)

- Bend forward from the hips and let your upper body relax
- Releases tension in the lower back and hamstrings
- Promotes calmness while improving circulation

SEATED TWIST (IMPROVES DIGESTION & MOBILITY)

- Gentle twists stimulate internal organs
- Helps with digestion and spinal flexibility
- A simple way to awaken the core and improve posture

END WITH SHORT RELAXATION (2–5 MINUTES)

- Lie down or sit quietly and focus on your breath
- Allows the body to absorb the benefits of the practice
- Creates a sense of calm before starting your day

You can also include cobra pose while ending with a Surya Namaskar, to help activate your nervous system. After you wake up, your body is naturally stiff and gentle stretches improve circulation and mobility. Yoga can be an effective way to slow down and release this accumulated press. It supports a calmer, more focused mindset for the day ahead.

By Indira Chavva, yoga expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform

QUICKFIX

EGG AND PEANUT SOUP RAMEN

INGREDIENTS

- **Paneer and mushrooms:** 100 g each, cubed/sliced
- **Peanut butter:** 2 tbsp
- **Ramen noodles:** 80 g (dried), with 400 ml water
- **Egg:** 1
- **Soy sauce:** 2 tbsp

METHOD

- Soft-boil the egg for six minutes, cool, peel and halve.
- Mix peanut butter and soy sauce with 50 ml hot water for sauce base; divide in half.
- Sauté paneer and mushrooms in a pot over medium heat for three minutes.
- Add half the sauce, ramen noodles and 350 ml boiling water; simmer for four minutes until the noodles cook.
- Stir in the other thick half of the sauce, top it off with the egg and serve hot.

Contributed by **Purba Majumder,** Bengaluru

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Classic Cinema

Enjoy Satyajit Ray's *Mahanagar* in this special screening. Set in 1960s Calcutta, the film explores the story of a housewife who decides to take up a job to support her family, gaining newfound independence and agency at home. The screening will be followed by a discussion.

WHEN: May 12, 7.30pm

WHERE: Underline Center, Domlur

CALL: 97905 32594

Stage Presence

Step into a space for artistes of all kinds to showcase their talent, whether it's through poetry, storytelling, music or comedy. This open mic session promises a supportive community where both first-time performers and seasoned artistes can share their voices and connect with a live audience.

WHEN: May 13, 7pm

WHERE: Huddle Coffee Co., Hennur Gardens

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Whimsical Blooms

Brighten up your living space by crafting a unique flower lamp in this DIY workshop. You will learn how to twist and shape colourful pipe cleaners into intricate floral designs, integrating soft LED lights to create a glowing masterpiece to give your home decor a personal touch.

WHEN: May 12, 12pm onwards

WHERE: The Rendezvous, Koramangala

CALL: 73496 96129

Political Paradox

Experience *Mukhyamantri*, a Kannada play exploring power and politics. The story follows a chief minister's struggle to maintain his position amidst shifting loyalties and internal party conflicts. The play promises a thrilling theatre experience.

WHEN: May 12, 7.30pm

WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Single Spotlight

Witness a one-person performance of *Knockers*, following the stories of volunteers knitting and crocheting prosthetic breasts for women who've had mastectomies, many survivors themselves. The story is built around five monologues – by a model, teacher, a non-binary person, an immigrant and someone preparing for her first intimate encounter after surgery.

WHEN: May 12, 7pm

WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur

DETAILS: bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Middle Eastern Flavours

Explore the flavours of the Middle East in this Lebanese culinary workshop. You will learn to master the art of balancing fresh ingredients to create authentic dishes like hummus, tabbouleh, pita and falafel from scratch. It's a hands-on session for foodies looking to try their hand at a new cuisine.

WHEN: May 13, 11am

WHERE: Canella Studio, Indiranagar

CALL: 90714 08456

Sweet Tooth

Get creative with the classic Bento Cake in this hands-on cake decorating workshop. You will learn the basics of frosting, piping and minimalist cake art to design your own adorable, lunchbox-sized dessert. All material will provided, so you can focus on mastering the aesthetic details that make these mini cakes so popular.

WHEN: May 12, 10am onwards

WHERE: Third Wave Coffee, HSR Layout

DETAILS: district.in

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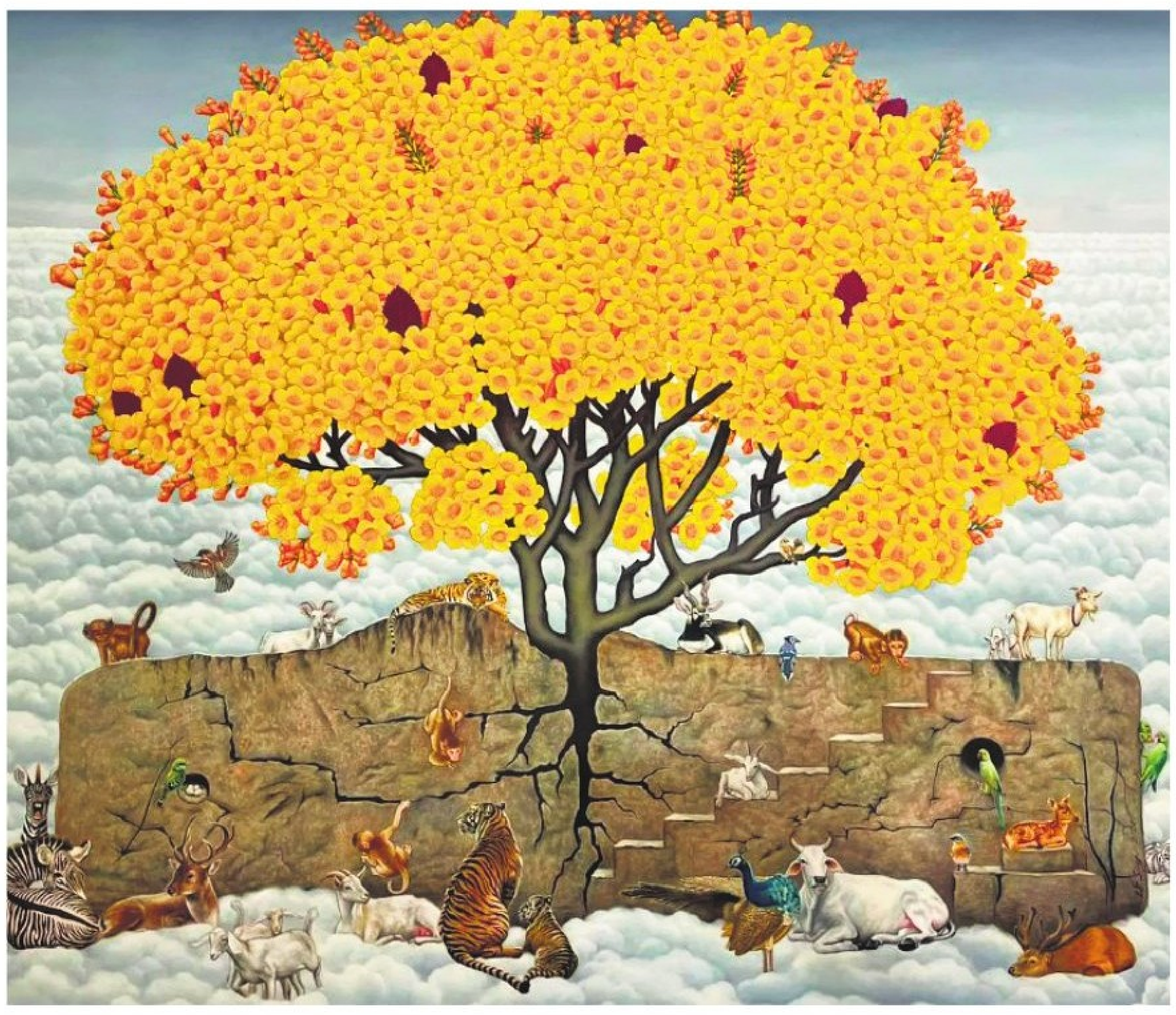

URBAN JUNGLE

Lal Bahadur Singh, shaped by his rural upbringing and extensive travels across India, constructs vivid and often unexpected juxtapositions of flora and fauna set against shifting rural-urban contexts

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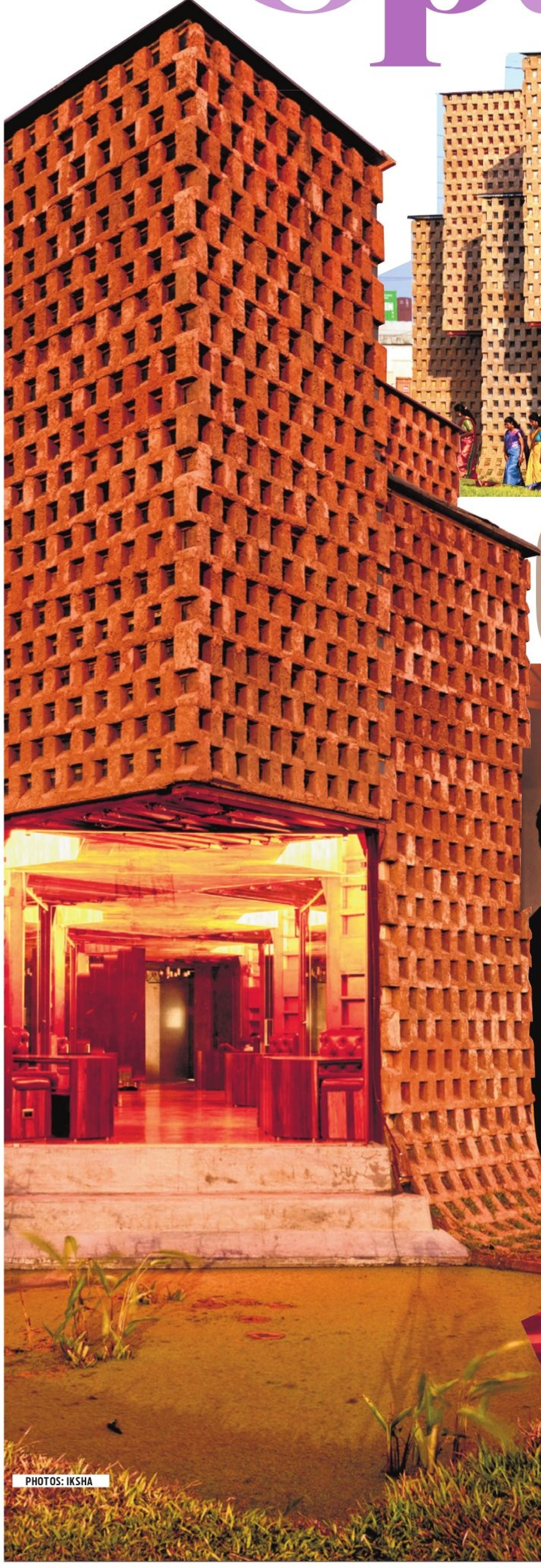
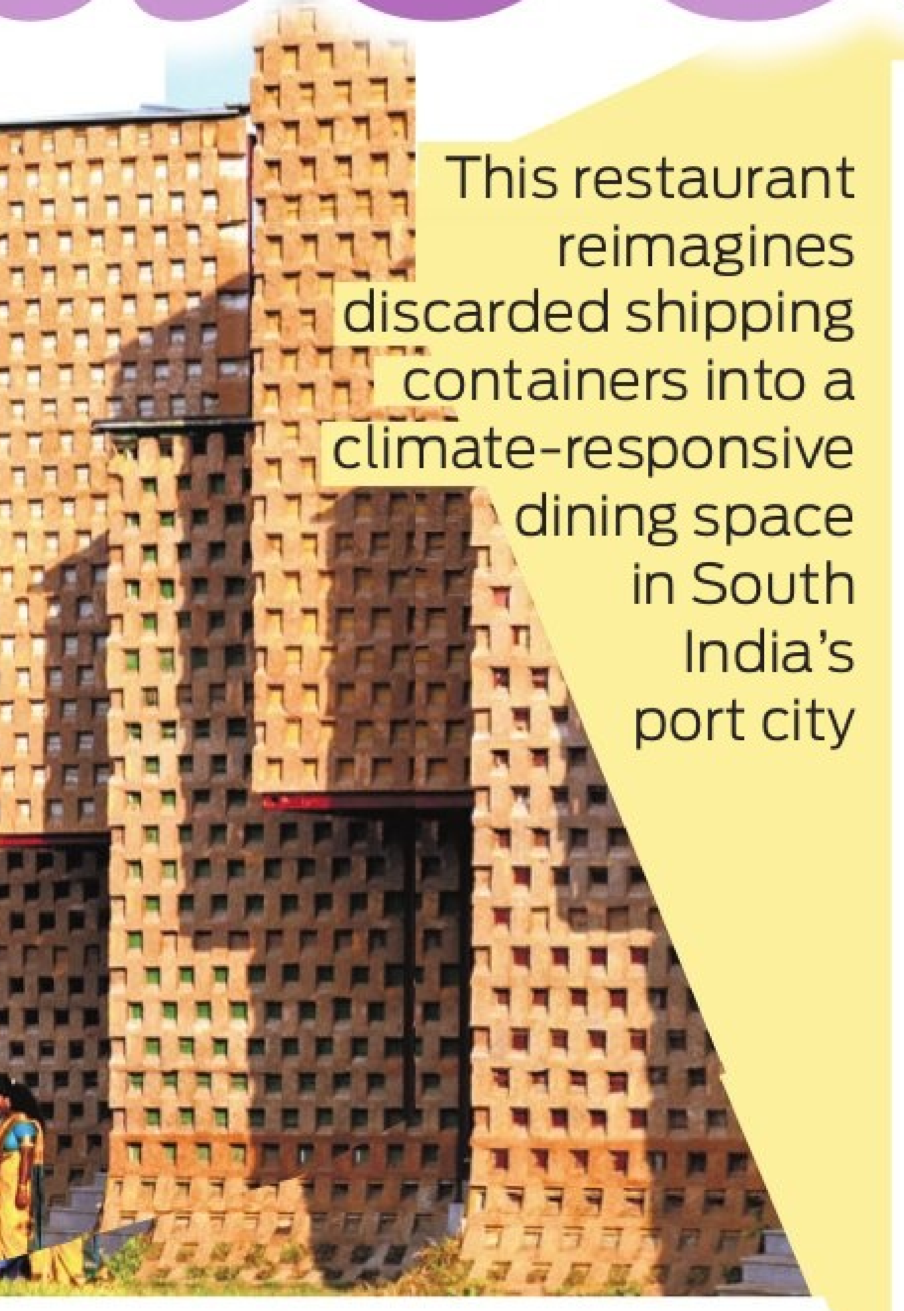
CARGO TO CUISINE

This restaurant reimagines discarded shipping containers into a climate-responsive dining space in South India's port city

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RAKSHITHA PRIYA G

WHEN the topic of marine waste comes up, it is often associated with what is immediately visible, like plastic debris, ghost nets and abandoned fishing gear that wash up along coastlines, serving as stark reminders of human-caused ecological neglect. Yet, beyond what reaches the shore lies another, less acknowledged layer of waste tied to maritime economies. In port cities, unused shipping containers, discarded after their lifecycle, accumulate in industrial yards, often stripped of purpose when the cost of repair outweighs their value after years of heavy use. These massive steel units, however, are beginning to find relevance in an industry far removed from their original function – construction. With their inherent modularity and structural robustness, they present a compelling opportunity for adaptive reuse. In India, such containers have long been repurposed as site offices, training facilities and residential quarters in industrial settings and even as homes. Entering this narrative is Petti Restaurant, which reimagining discarded containers as the foundation for a contemporary, climate-responsive eatery.

Built in Thoothukudi, a historic port city in South India, the sheer number of discarded steel shipping containers in the region naturally influenced the design approach of architect Vinu Daniel, founder of Wallmakers, and architect Oshin Mariam Varughese.

"We are a firm that mostly uses discarded materials wherever possible. We started working with a material called compressed stabilised earth blocks," says Varughese. "But over the years, we understood that using just mud is not always the right way to go for every site, especially when there is a different context while building in different parts of India and abroad. So we have to think on our feet."

Hence, for this project, this meant turning to what was abundant. "Once we changed our outlook and this project came, we found that one of the most discarded materials there (Thoothukudi) is shipping containers," she says. Petti Restaurant, designed for a narrow and linear plot, uses 12 containers that were sourced locally, cut and stacked to form the structure. While modularity offered flexibility, it also posed spatial challenges. "Containers are typically used horizontally, which results in a more congested space with a room height of about 2.4 to 2.6 meters," Varughese notes. To overcome this, the design adopts a vertical stacking system to achieve a larger volume, resulting in a standard 3 m single-floor height. This move not only improves spatial comfort but also permits ventilation, she adds.

The interiors are carefully articulated to balance compactness with intimacy, with each family or each person having a small niche. The planning ensures that even within a constrained layout, users experience a sense of privacy, aided by natural light and the use of raw and natural materials that retain the original character of the containers.

Yet, the primary challenge lay not in space, but in climate. "When you are using steel in a tropical climate, heat is a problem," Varughese notes. Addressing this required a material intervention. After research and development, Vinu and his team came up with the solution in the form of a poured earth façade layered over the containers. "We wanted to protect the steel surface from overheating, which is how the mud façade came into the picture. The steel shell has been welded together and arranged in a position and then we added a mud façade on top of it in a pattern that partially recesses so that it adds air pockets to give thermal insulation," she explains.

For the past two decades, Mahatma Gandhi's advice to Laurie Baker – an architect known for his cost-effective energy-efficient architecture – has led the Wallmakers to rethink material sourcing: The ideal home should be built using materials available within a five-mile radius. "We didn't want to dig up some other hill from another corner, bring up the soil to our site, make the mud blocks and then call ourselves sustainable. To be really sustainable, we are talking about embodied energy," Varughese says. She adds that around 80 to 90 per cent of the materials that they use for any project come from within a five-mile radius, and to avoid compromise on aesthetics or the overall experience, about 10 per cent of certain materials, like glass, are sourced.

Questions of longevity were also addressed through careful detailing. "Mud has been around forever. If you look at some of the oldest structures in the world, which are still standing today, it's all built entirely with mud," Varughese says. However, the interaction between steel and mud required additional protection. "Steel and mud are not the ideal combination, as there is a chance of expansion if the steel is not protected. So we have coated the container surface with multiple layers of protection to prevent any outside exposure to rusting, as it is directly exposed to rain and sun," she explains.

The client's collaborative role was equally significant in shaping this project. In this case, they were closely involved in the process, contributing to material sourcing and design decisions, particularly in the interiors, where elements like lighting fixtures – a chandelier with old wax and pipes – were developed.

Beyond its immediate context, Petti points towards a larger architectural possibility. With port cities across India facing similar conditions of material surplus, the project suggests an alternative way of building that engages with industrial waste as a resource rather than a by-product. "India has a lot of port cities, and after a certain lifetime, these shipping containers are eventually discarded," Varughese notes. Having addressed both spatial and climatic constraints, the team sees potential for broader applications. "Now that we (Daniel and the Wallmakers) have figured out the way to increase the volume for more space, we are doing research on how we can even bring down the temperature even more with respect to containers, but we believe that this is a suitable material because of its modularity and has got a lot of advantages for high-rise buildings or for even larger housing scenarios," she adds.

Petti Restaurant extends the conversation on sustainability beyond surface-level interventions. It proposes a shift in perspective where architecture begins not with the search for new materials, but with a closer look at what already exists.

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I, N VASANTHA KOKILA wife of Army Service No. JC 092686K Rank : SUB (Retired), Name: RADHAKRISHNAN resident of No.13, 4th Cross, Cauvery Layout, Near SK Medical, Shettihalli, Jalahalli West, BENGALURU – 560 015, have changed my name from **N VASANTHA KOKILA to R VASANTHA KOKILA** and amended my date of birth from 14-04-1951 to 07-07-1947 vide affidavit dated 09-05-2026 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed.

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I, **MRUDULA PRASHANTH KRISHNA MURTHY**, W/o. Prashanth M.G, aged about 47 years, residing at No.MD-20, Tejas Enclave, 8th main Road, Old town Ship, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017, have changed my name to **MRUDULA PRASHANTH**, vide affidavit dated: 11.05.2026 before Notary **L.Gopalakrishna**, Bengaluru.

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I, **VINCENT VINOD KUMAR** (Old Name), S/o ARUL DASS JAYARATHNAM, Aged about 40 years Resident at NO. 371, 3RD MAIN ROAD, ANANDAPURAM, J.B.NAGAR, NEW THIPPASANDRA POST, BENGALURU-560075, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from **VINCENT VINOD KUMAR** (Old Name) to **VINCENT VINOD KUMAR ARULDASS** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **VINCENT VINOD KUMAR ARULDASS** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 11/05/2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU

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I, **MADHAN Y** aged about 21 years, S/o. Yogesh M.N., resident of No.221-2, 5th Main, Near Duggalamma Temple, Laggere, Bangalore-560058, I hereby declare that my name has recorded in Aadhar Card and Pancard as **MADHAN Y** and in Sir M. Vishveshwaraiah Co-Operative Bank DD, and Birth Certificate mentioned as **MADAN RAJ** and in Sale agreement Dated:07-05-2026 mentioned as **MADHAN Y ALIAS MADAN RAJ.** the both the names i.e., MADHAN Y and MADAN RAJ belongs to me only. vide affidavit dated 11.05.2026 before Notary Deepa.M, Bangalore.

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I, **G. MARY REETAMMAL** W/o Late S. Xavier Retna Raj aged about 66 years R/at No.38, 6th A Cross, Bahubali Nagar, Bangalore 560013 would like to state that my name mentioned in Aadhaar & Pan Card as **G. MARY REETAMMAL**. As per Sale Deed Certificate as **G. MARY REETA.**
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I, **AIYSHA SIDDIQA**, D/o Mohamed Abdul Rahman, age 30 yers, R/at No. 62/6, 3rd Floor, Hayath Regency, Ranoji Rao, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AIYSHA SIDDIQUA RAHMAN** to **AIYSHA SIDDIQA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **AIYSHA SIDDIQA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 9th May 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARAVIND PATIL .G.G** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ATIYA MODI, W/o Shakeel Ahmed. Aged about 53, Resident of No. 339, 14th Cross, 8th Main, Near Ramakrishna Hospital, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bangalore South, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560011, Have Changed My Name to **ATIYA SHAKEEL AHMED.** vide affidavit dated 04.05.2026 before Notary Prasad Shetty. K.B. Bengaluru.

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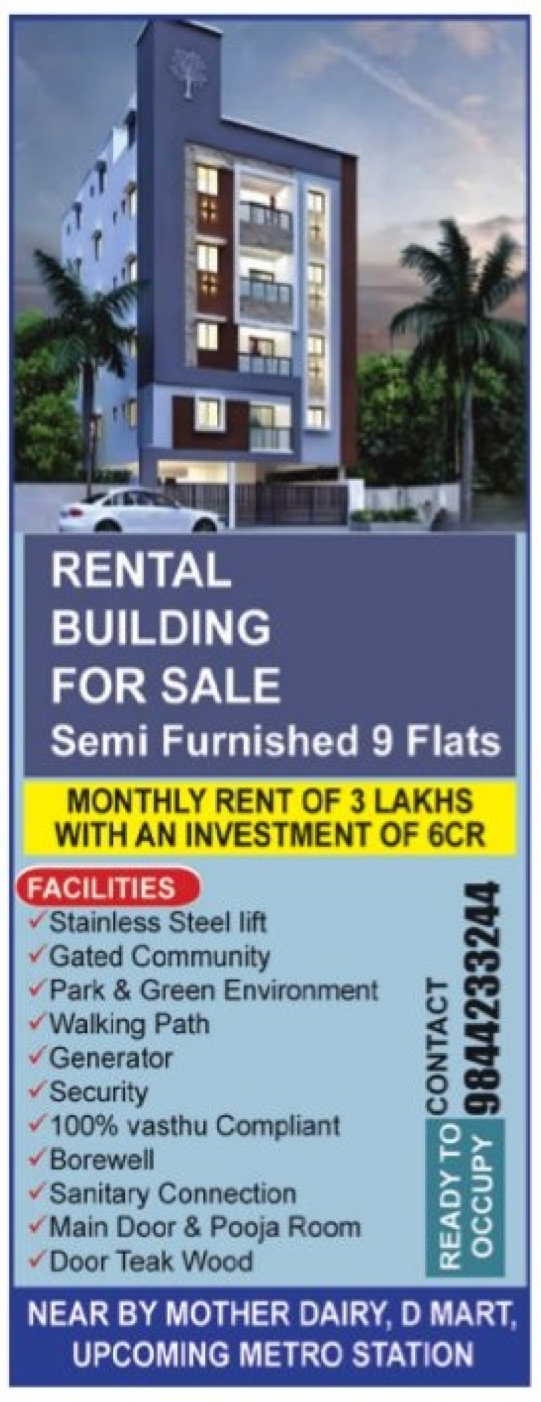

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'KIRAN RAJ'S FAMILIARITY WITH FAMILY AUDIENCES COULD WORK IN SHERR'S FAVOUR'

A SHARADHAA

DIRECTOR Prasiddh Rathnamanjari is reuniting with actor Kiran Raj with Sherr, after Bharjari Gandu. This project is his third outing as a director, and he sees Sherr as the film that could finally unlock the larger-than-life screen presence he always believed Kiran Raj possessed.

"Kiran Raj has already built a strong connection with television audiences through serials like Kannadati and Karna," says Prasiddh, adding, "But what we wanted to present in Bharjari Gandu was only partially achieved. I still felt there was more scope to elevate him as a commercial hero, and Sherr has become that opportunity."

The director acknowledges the growing challenge of translating television popularity into theatrical footfalls, as audiences are increasingly glued to OTT platforms and TV serials. "Today, even star-driven films are struggling to pull crowds into theatres. So naturally, the question comes: Will viewers who love him on television come to watch him on the big screen? That's the challenge with Sherr," says the filmmaker.

At the same time, PraSiddh believes Kiran Raj's familiarity with family audiences could work in the film's favour. "He understands what connects with small-screen viewers, but in cinema, he has explored variations. Sherr has a mass layer to it, and that emotional core around an orphaned youngster gives the character relatability."

The filmmaker also points to the success of Bharjari Gandu's dubbed Hindi version as another reason the duo teamed up again. Beyond the film itself, Prasiddh expresses disappointment over Sherr receiving an A certificate from the Censor Board, a classification he says came unexpectedly. "Today, censorship has made filmmakers fearful," he says. "An action sequence or even a smoking scene can push a film into the A category. Earlier, A certificates were associated with adult themes, but now even limited bloodshed gets the same treatment."

Still, the director remains optimistic, citing films like Tagaru, Pogaru, and Bheema that thrived despite similar ratings. Produced by Dr Sudarshan Sundararaj under Grace Raj Productions, Sherr, which is slated for release on May 15, stars Surekha, Tanisha Kuppanda, Namrita Malla, Bala Rajawadi, Shobharaj, and Yash Shetty. Sherr, distributed by KRG Studios, has cinematography by Kitty Kaushik and music by Vijay Gummineni, and also introduces the producer's son, Chris (Gilli), in a negative role.

"Initially, the producers wanted to launch Chris as a hero. But he was only 17. I wanted him to understand the craft and mould himself as an actor first, and he agreed and has worked well. His character has shades that will remind audiences of Yogi in Duniya," signs off.

PraSiddh

Gilli

Kiran Raj

Agasthya mounts a youthful entertainer with *Dinchak Dinchak*

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Agasthya, who drew attention with the understated romantic drama *Joteyagi* Hitavagi, is returning with a sharply different outing, titled Dinchak Dinchak. It is a film crafted with younger audiences firmly in mind.

Carrying a title that instantly reflects the language and mood of internet culture, the Kannada film revolves around teenage chaos, playful humour, and family emotions, wrapped within a lively commercial format. The makers believe the quirky, contemporary title will connect strongly with Gen-Z and Gen-Alpha viewers, especially at a time when unconventional names are increasingly finding traction across South Indian cinema.

The film also marks a major creative move for Agasthya. In addition to playing the lead role, he has written the story and screenplay and will direct the project himself. The actor had earlier earned appreciation for his performance in *Joteyagi* Hitavagi, a film made with a shoestring budget, noted for its soft and emotional storytelling.

Produced under the Srirathna Film Company banner, Dinchak Dinchak is currently in pre-production, with the makers working on finalising the technical crew ahead of the shoot.

Composer Anand Raj Vikram will handle the music, and the team says the film will feature songs designed to appeal to younger listeners. Costume designer Abhirek Krishna is also part of the project, which according to creative head Prashanth Bagoor, will be a visually polished film.

Agasthya

Vijay Raghavendra takes on dual roles in Veeragase-inspired *Rudrabhishekam*

A still from the film

As Kannada cinema increasingly embraces stories rooted in culture and identity, RVijay Raghavendra and Priyanka Thimmesh arrives with its focus firmly on Veeragase — Karnataka's centuries-old ritual folk art linked to the worship of Veerabhadra, celebrated for its fierce movements, spiritual intensity, and warrior ethos.

CE FEATURES

WRITTEN and directed by Vasanth Kumar, the film features Vijay Raghavendra in a double role for the first time in his career, playing both father and son in a story that bridges inherited tradition with contemporary life. Popularly known as 'Chinnari Mutha,' the actor portrays a Veeragase performer, and calls it one of the toughest characters he has taken on so far. Vijay, who loves experimenting with each character, says, "Playing a Veeragase artist came with immense responsibility. The story draws a connection between our ancestors and today's generation. Portraying both father and son allowed me to explore two completely different emotional journeys."

Rather than treating Veeragase as a decorative cultural element, *Rudrabhishekam* places the art form at the centre of its narrative, using it to reflect themes of faith, legacy, and identity. The film attempts to bring a rarely seen slice of Karnataka's folk history into mainstream storytelling.

Priyanka Thimmesh, who is making a comeback with *Rudrabhishekam*, appears in three contrasting avatars: a Shiva devotee, a village girl, and a modern urban woman. The actor says the sincerity of the script, along with Vijay Raghavendra's warm personality, drew her to the project.

Vijay Raghavendra and Priyanka Thimmesh

"I connected instantly with the emotional depth of the film," she says. "Vijay Raghavendra's humility also made the experience very comforting."

Vasanth Kumar also appears onscreen in a philosopher-like role. Produced under the Fan India Creations banner by a group of nine friends led by Venkatesh, the film was shot across Devanahalli, Gokarna, Honnavar, Kumta, and the Aghanashini backwaters over a 50-day schedule. According to the team, several locations featured in the film have rarely been captured on Kannada screens.

The music is composed by V Manohar, with a soundtrack voiced by emerging singers. The supporting cast includes Bala Rajawadi, Manu, Sanath, Bullet Vinu, and Mamatha Turuvekere. The makers are planning to release the film in June, and an official release date is expected shortly.

Backrooms gets Indian release date

CE FEATURES

CHIWETEL Ejiofor's *Backrooms*, a horror film from A24, is getting its Indian release on May 29. The film will also release in the US on the same date. Apart from the *12 Years a Slave* star, *Backrooms* also features Renate Reinsve, Mark Duplass, Finn Bennett, and Lukita Maxwell in prominent roles.

The term 'backrooms', popularised by a 2019 4Chan thread, is described as a liminal space aesthetic and an impossibly large extradimensional expanse of empty rooms. Director Kane Parsons made a series of short films on this concept in 2022, which he has developed into a feature for A24. The makers in the official note have described the film as having "immersive world-building and the fear of the unknown. *Backrooms* thrives on discomfort, unpredictability, and the terrifying idea of being lost in an endless maze with no escape."

UPENDRA TO RE-RELEASE WITH A TWIST

CE FEATURES

THREE decades after Upendra disrupted Kannada cinema with its layered storytelling and philosophical puzzles, the cult classic is returning to theatres, this time with a real cash prize attached to its mysteries.

Producer Parameshwar B, under the Ish Myra banner, has announced an ambitious re-release plan for *Upendra*, which is slated to hit nearly 100 single-screen theatres across Karnataka on June 4. But the hook goes beyond nostalgia. Audiences who correctly answer questions based on the film after each screening could walk away with the entire collection from that particular show.

The producer unveiled the idea at a press meet, framing it in the same mind-bending spirit associated with actor-director Upendra himself. "What seems impossible can be made possible," he said while teasing the format of the event.

Interestingly, every screening will conclude with a 10-minute audience interaction, during which viewers will be asked questions about the film. Those who answer correctly will receive the show's full box-office earnings as prize money. The campaign will peak on the film's 25th day of screening, when one participant with the right answer will win a grand prize of ₹1 crore.

The initiative also aims to reintroduce landmark Kannada films to younger audiences while driving footfalls back to struggling single-screen theatres. Shilpa Srinivas, who originally produced *Upendra*, has reportedly approved the plan, with a larger event featuring the original team expected soon.

Parameshwar B

AI meets emotion in *Garuda*

Garuda, a non-linear action thriller, weaves together four interconnected stories while exploring the emotional and ethical consequences of artificial intelligence

CE FEATURES

ARTIFICIAL intelligence makes another foray into Kannada cinema with *Garuda*, a non-linear action thriller that places itself within the growing wave of AI-themed storytelling in India. The trailer for the film was unveiled recently.

Rather than treating AI as a gimmick, *Garuda* aims to use the technology as a narrative trigger, exploring how emerging innovations reshape identity, ethics, and human relationships. The film is slated for a statewide theatrical release in June.

While Kannada cinema has previously touched upon AI-driven concepts in films such as *Love You*, featuring Nutan, the makers of *Garuda* are positioning this project as a more ambitious mainstream attempt to examine both the promise and peril of artificial intelligence.

Produced under the Shaivam Films banner, the film is helmed by Kiran S, who also handles the story, screenplay, and cinematography. Structured as a four-thread narrative, *Garuda* follows multiple storylines that gradually intersect at a crucial turning point.

According to the makers, around 30–40 per cent of the narrative is rooted in AI-driven concepts, while the remainder unfolds as an emotional drama grounded in human conflict and relationships. Shot over 45 days in and around Bengaluru, the film aims to balance technological themes with accessible storytelling.

Rithvan Srinivas, best known for his work in television, makes his feature film debut in the lead role. Divya Chandra (Namo Bhoothathma-2) plays Apoorva, while Saurav Prashanth takes on a layered role with multiple shades.

The ensemble cast also includes Abhishek, Kiran, Vivek, Abhi Mahesh, Soubhagya Handral, Vinay Prabhakar, Dileep Kumar, and Bahubali Manju. Music for the film is composed by Santosh Joshi.

SHAPE OF MOMO TO FINALLY HIT THEATRES

CE FEATURES

ON Monday, Rana Daggubati's Spirit Media announced the release date of *Shape of Momo*. The film, which marks the directorial debut of Tribeny Rai, will release in theatres on May 29.

Featuring an ensemble cast including the late Bhanu Maya Rai, Gaumaya Gurung, Pashupati Rai, Rahul Mukhia, and Shyamashree Sherpa, *Shape of Momo* traces the lives of women across generations within a single family, shaped by emotional inheritances, silences, and everyday negotiations. Set in a Himalayan village in Sikkim, it also promises to reflect the complexity of one's relationship with home, as both a place of comfort and something that can, at times, hold you back.